

# Alaska State Legislature

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## House Concurrent Resolution 6

### Sponsor Statement

*"Encouraging public celebrations to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of the United States of America."*

On July 2, 1776, the Second Continental Congress voted for independence of the United Colonies in Philadelphia. Two days later, the Declaration of Independence was proclaimed. 2026 will mark the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and therefore of these United States.

House Concurrent Resolution 6 calls for the recognition of this consequential date as the beginning of our nation. In 2016, the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act was passed. Numerous states around the country are already beginning to organize events and celebrations to mark this semiquincentennial. Alaska should be among them.

I am delighted to present this resolution to encourage state agencies and other organizations to establish public commemorations of this momentous anniversary. House Concurrent Resolution 6 carries no fiscal impact.

I encourage members to join me in supporting HCR 6.