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Sponsor Statement

Senate Resolution 4
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"Recognizing and commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America; encouraging participation in commemorative events; and encouraging educational institutions to enhance civics education."

On July 4, 2026, the United States will celebrate its semiquincentennial—the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. **Senate Resolution 4** recognizes this historic milestone and honors the foundational principles of equality, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness that have guided our nation for two and a half centuries.

This resolution highlights the critical role of **federalism** and decentralized governance, which empower states like Alaska to remain responsive to the will of the people. It celebrates Alaska's unique contributions to the nation's culture and economy and encourages all Alaskans to participate in commemorative activities that reflect on our shared history.

Crucially, SR 4 calls on our educational institutions to enhance **civics education**. By teaching the next generation the importance of active civic participation and the principles of our constitutional republic, we ensure that the "more perfect Union" our founders envisioned continues to thrive for centuries to come.

Senate Resolution 4 officially recognizes and commemorates the **250th anniversary of the founding of the United States** on July 4, 2026.

- **Commemoration:** Recognizes the semiquincentennial and the timeless principles of the Declaration of Independence.
- **Federalism:** Reaffirms the importance of decentralized governance and the division of powers between national and state governments.
- **Civic Engagement:** Encourages citizens, businesses, and organizations to participate in events celebrating the nation's achievements and foundational ideals.
- **Education:** Urges Alaska's educational institutions to strengthen civics education, focusing on the importance of civic participation and the principles of federalism.

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