

**STATE OF ALASKA  
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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.

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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:**

**WHEREAS** July 4, 2026, marks the 250th anniversary, or semiquincentennial, of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia in 1776, signifying the founding of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS** the Declaration of Independence proclaimed timeless principles of profound significance to the national heritage of the United States, including that all people are created equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and that a government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed; and

**WHEREAS** the founding of the United States established the principle of federalism, emphasizing a decentralized system of government in which powers are divided between national and state governments, fostering liberty, accountability, and responsiveness to local

communities; and

**WHEREAS** the decentralized governance model has allowed for innovation, diverse policy approaches, and stronger accountability to the citizens of each state, ensuring that government remains close to and reflective of the people's will; and

**WHEREAS** the founding of the United States initiated a journey toward forming "a more perfect Union," marked by historic achievements, struggles, and progress in realizing the nation's founding ideals for all its citizens; and

**WHEREAS** the State of Alaska has played a significant role in the history of the United States, contributing to the nation's development, culture, economy, and defense through the efforts and sacrifices of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS** the semiquincentennial offers a unique opportunity for the people of the state to reflect on a shared history, honor the diverse contributions of all Americans, celebrate a heritage of liberty, and look forward to the future citizens strive to create for the next generations; and

**WHEREAS** commemorative activities across the state will provide educational opportunities, foster civic engagement, encourage community participation, and strengthen appreciation for the history, federalist principles, and foundational ideals on which both the nation and this state were built;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate recognizes and commemorates the upcoming 250th anniversary on July 4, 2026, of the founding of the United States of America; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Senate encourages all citizens, communities, educational institutions, civic organizations, and businesses in the state to participate in commemorative events and activities that involve reflecting on the nation's history, celebrating its achievements, and reaffirming a commitment to the ideals of liberty, equality, self-government, and federalism; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Senate strongly encourages educational institutions across the state to enhance civics education, ensuring that future generations understand the critical importance of active civic participation, the principles of federalism, and the decentralized governance that protects liberty and promotes responsive government.