

# proclamation

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## America's Semiquincentennial | July 4, 2026

**WHEREAS**, July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate the Semiquincentennial anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and

**WHEREAS**, the journey toward this historic milestone is an opportunity to reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead to the future generations who will carry forward the ideals of democracy and individual liberty that make the United States a unique nation in the world community; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida played a role in the American Revolution with four battles occurring on Florida's soil, the Battle at Thomas Creek, the Battle at Alligator Creek Bridge, the Siege of Pensacola, and the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution off the coast of Cape Canaveral; and

**WHEREAS**, from the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boston Tea Party in 2023 until the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 2033, the Daughters of the American Revolution are celebrating our nation's rich history and diversity of experience by honoring all men and women who achieved American independence, because these Patriots, believing in the noble cause of liberty, fought valiantly to establish a new nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, William P. Duval Chapter, is a member of the city's *Winter Park Celebrates America250* planning committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the city's invites residents and guests to enjoy all of the events planned for the celebration of America250, the Semiquincentennial anniversary of our great nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Sheila DeCiccio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim **Saturday, July 4, 2026**, to be **America's Semiquincentennial** in the City of Winter Park, Florida, and invite everyone to celebrate this milestone occasion at the city's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration to be held on Friday, July 3, 2026.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

**Sheila DeCiccio**  
Mayor