

MOTION: Baldwin

**June 11, 2026
Regular Meeting
HRC RES - 26-11**

SECOND: BruMar

**RE: A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE, AFFIRM, AND RECOGNIZE JULY 4, 2026, AS
THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

ACTION: Approved

WHEREAS, July 4, 2026, marks the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, a nation established on the enduring ideals of liberty, equality, justice, and self-governance; and

WHEREAS, the United States has developed a democratic system of government rooted in the rule of law, the consent of the governed, and the protection of fundamental freedoms, including freedom of speech and freedom of religion, which safeguard the ability of individuals to express ideas, practice beliefs, and participate fully in civic life; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the nation has made significant progress in advancing civil and human rights through its Constitution, amendments, legislation, and the persistent advocacy of individuals and communities striving to fulfill the promise of equal justice under law; and

WHEREAS, the strength of the United States is reflected in its rich diversity of cultures, backgrounds, and perspectives, which energizes its democracy, fosters innovation, and deepens its commitment to inclusion and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, the United States has played a leading role on the global stage in promoting democratic values, defending human rights, and advancing the cause of peace among nations, serving as a beacon of hope and a partner in the pursuit of freedom and stability worldwide; and

WHEREAS, this milestone anniversary provides an opportunity to reflect on both the nation's achievements and its continuing responsibility to confront challenges, uphold human dignity, and ensure fairness, equity, and opportunity for all people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Human Rights Commission hereby recognizes July 4, 2026, as the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission encourages all residents to commemorate this historic occasion by celebrating the nation's democratic principles, honoring its diverse communities, and recommitting the protection and advancement of civil and human rights, and the promotion of peace, justice, and freedom for present and future generations.


Votes:

Ayes: Johnston, Young, R, BruMar, Porter, Young, Baldwin, Staubly

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent from the meeting: Sparkes, Pratter

ATTEST:  _____

Executive Director