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PROCLAMATION
250TH Anniversary of America Independence
A National Celebration

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, affirming the thirteen American colonies' resolve to form a sovereign nation founded on the principles of liberty, justice, and equality; **and**

WHEREAS, the United States of America was born from the courage, vision, and sacrifice of patriots who believed that government should derive its power from the consent of the governed and that all individuals are endowed with unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; **and**

WHEREAS, for 249 years, Americans have come together on Independence Day to honor our founding ideals, celebrate our freedoms, and reflect on the ongoing responsibility to safeguard democracy for future generations; **and**

WHEREAS, the Fourth of July serves not only as a commemoration of our national birth, but also as a moment to unite our community in pride, gratitude, and shared purpose; **and**

WHEREAS, the Lincolnton City Council recognizes the dedication of service members, veterans, first responders, and public servants who have worked to preserve and protect the freedoms we cherish; **and**

WHEREAS, as we approach the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding, we reaffirm our commitment to the founding values that continue to inspire progress, inclusion, and civic responsibility across our great County, State, and Nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Lincolnton City Council, on behalf of its residents, does hereby recognize and celebrate **July 4, 2026, as "Independence Day"**, and encourages all citizens to take part in activities that honor our history, reflect on our shared values, and celebrate the enduring spirit of the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that this Proclamation be entered into the official records and shared in the spirit of unity, remembrance, and patriotic celebration.

Adopted this 25rd day of June, 2026.

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Ed Hatley, Mayor
Lincolnton City Council

Attest:

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Daphne Ingram, City Clerk