



Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION

Establishing the Kalamazoo County Semiquincentennial Committee

Whereas, the year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a seminal event in the history of the United States; and

Whereas, it is appropriate to celebrate this monumental occasion through appropriate public ceremonies and activities that honor the history and heritage of our nation; and

Whereas, such a celebration can provide an opportunity to enhance the understanding and appreciation of the liberty and democracy upon which the United States was founded; and

Whereas, a dedicated committee can effectively organize, plan, and execute a series of commemorative events and educational programs throughout Kalamazoo County;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes the Kalamazoo County Semiquincentennial Committee;

Be It Further Resolved, that the Committee will be tasked with planning and coordinating county-wide activities and events to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, including but not limited to parades, speeches, public readings of the Declaration, and educational seminars;

Be It Further Resolved, that the Committee shall consist of [number] members, who will be appointed by the Board of Commissioners, and shall include representatives from local historical societies, educational institutions, and other relevant stakeholders;

Be It Further Resolved, that the Committee is charged with presenting a comprehensive plan for the semiquincentennial celebrations to the Board of Commissioners no later than August 5, 2025, and will seek to engage with state and national organizations also commemorating this historic milestone.

Adopted this 2nd day of July, 2024 at the regular meeting of the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners.

Adopted	July 2, 2024
Moved	Strebs
Seconded	Taylor
Carried	