

## Proclamation

*Offered by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution*

*WHEREAS, on July 4, 2026, the United States will observe the Semiquincentennial anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and*

*WHEREAS, the journey toward this historic milestone provides an opportunity to reflect upon our nation's history, honor the contributions of all Americans, and anticipate the future generations who will uphold the ideals of democracy and individual liberty that distinguish the United States within the international community; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Michigan was established by the generation of the Revolutionary War and their descendants, who advanced westward into the territory organized under the Northwest Ordinance. This territory comprised lands ceded by Britain to the United States via the Treaty of Paris of 1783, as well as those acquired through the Louisiana Purchase; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a non-political women's service organization founded in 1890, whose members are lineally descended from Patriots of the American Revolution; and*

*WHEREAS, under the guidance of the President General, all members are dedicating the next three years to Illuminating Our Legacy, celebrating the nation's rich history and diversity, promoting inclusivity through membership and service to God, Home, and Country, and undertaking projects that are distinct, local, and impactful ways; and*

*WHEREAS, from the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party in 2023 to the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 2033, members will commemorate the nation's history and diverse experiences by honoring all individuals who secured American independence. These Patriots, committed to the noble cause of liberty, fought resolutely to establish a new nation; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, the Ottawa Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution formally proclaims July 4th, 2026, as the day of the Declaration of Independence in Sanilac and St. Clair Counties, and encourages all residents to participate in the observance; and*

*RESOLVED THAT I, Martha Cramblit, Chair of America and Michigan 250, wholeheartedly commend this commemoration to all residents of Sanilac and St. Clair Counties; and*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and official seal.*

*Martha Cramblit*

