

**PROCLAMATION OF THE ELIZABETH SCHUYLER HAMILTON CHAPTER, NSDAR
AMERICA250!MI COMMITTEE**

WHERE AS the United States of America will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026; and

WHERE AS Michigan has made extraordinary contributions to the American story through our diverse communities, innovative spirit, and commitment to democratic values; and

WHERE AS America250!MI's **5 Guiding Themes** provide a framework for understanding Michigan's role in the ongoing American Experiment:

- **The American Experiment** – How democracy has evolved and grown in Michigan
- **We the People** – Celebrating the diverse voices that built our state
- **The Power of Place** – Michigan's unique contributions to America through its geography, resources, and communities.
- **Unfinished Revolutions** – Our ongoing work toward equality and justice
- **Doing History** – Preserving our stories for future generations

WHERE AS Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton Chapter, NSDAR has focused on historic preservation, education, and patriotism; and

WHERE AS the residents of Ottawa County are committed to inclusive participation in this historic commemoration, welcoming voices from all backgrounds, ages, and experiences; and

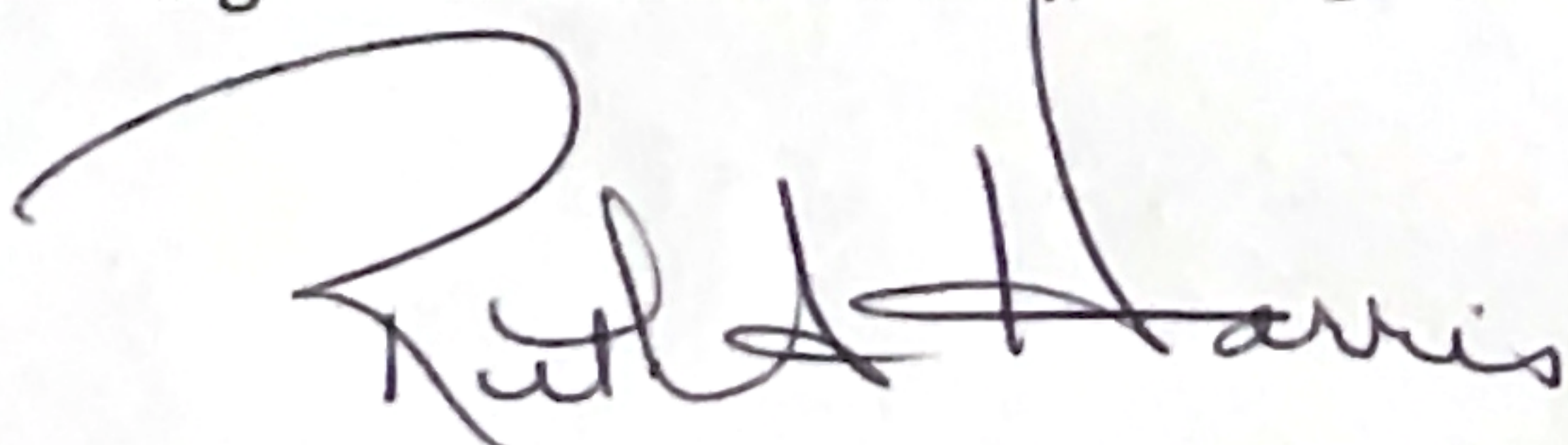
WHERE AS this celebration provides an opportunity to strengthen community bonds, educate future generations, and honor the diverse peoples who have contributed to our shared heritage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the people of Ottawa County, in concert with all Michiganders and Americans, do hereby establish the Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton, NSDAR America250!MI Committee to plan and coordinate activities celebrating American's 250th anniversary;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this committee will work to engage all community members in meaningful ways, ensuring that the stories and voices of all residents are heard, recognized, and celebrated as part of Michigan's vibrant contribution to American history;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton Chapter NSDAR, commits to collaborating with America250!MI and other communities statewide to create a celebration worthy of this historic milestone.

Signed in Ottawa County, Michigan, this 14 day of April, 2026



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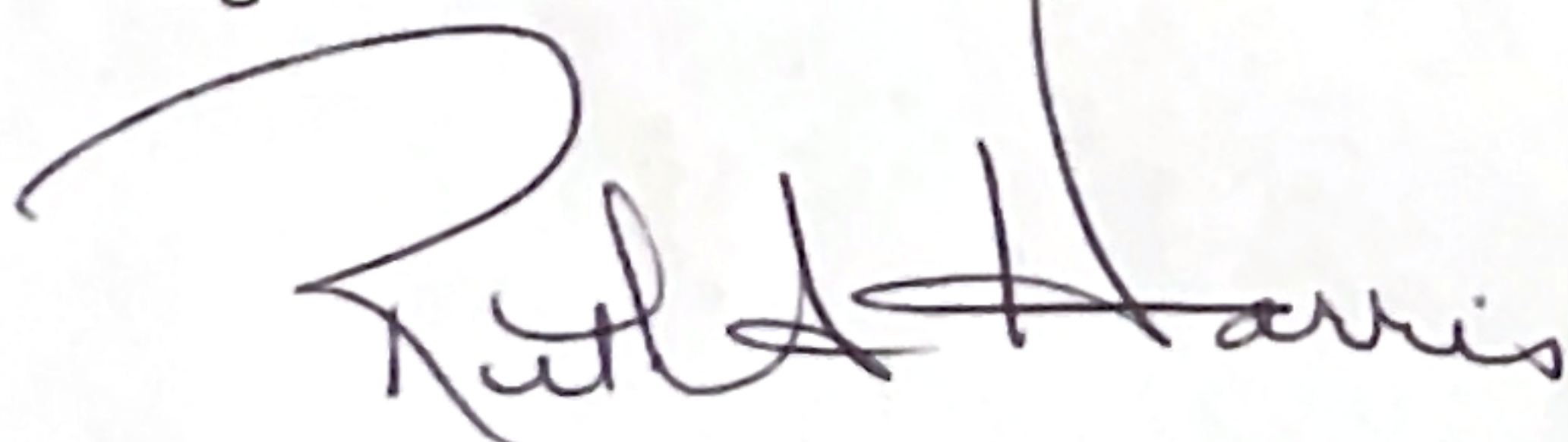
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