

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL IN SUPPORT OF THE ILLINOIS AMERICA250 COMMEMORATION**

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America will commemorate its 250th anniversary on July 4, 2026, marking a historic milestone in the nation’s history; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, asserting the American colonies’ freedom from British rule and laying the foundation for the principles of democracy and self-governance; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, known as the America250 Commission ([america250.org](http://america250.org)) was established by Congress in 2016 to plan and orchestrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, aiming to engage all Americans in commemorating this historic event through educational initiatives.

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois America250 Commission ([IL250.org](http://IL250.org)) was established to develop, encourage and execute an inclusive commemoration and observance of the founding of the United States of America, and Illinois’ imperative role in the nation’s history; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois America250 Commission encourages communities, libraries, schools, local governments, historical societies, cultural institutions and individuals of all ages to develop inclusive commemorations that reflect on Illinois’ role in the nation’s history and development; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing and supporting the Illinois America250 Commission will help ensure a meaningful and educational commemoration for all residents and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the commemoration provides an opportunity to reflect on the state’s historical significance, honor the achievements of its people and inspire civic engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Crest Hill hereby formally supports the Illinois America250 Commission and its mission to commemorate our nation’s 250th anniversary.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Crest Hill expresses its support for the Illinois America250 Commission, and encourages all Illinois communities to organize and participate in local events leading up to and culminating on July 4, 2026, to celebrate America’s 250th anniversary.

**RESOLVED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2026.**

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Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

**APPROVED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2026.**

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Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor