

JOINT PROCLAMATION

Recognizing the Year 2026 as a Semiquincentennial Celebration Year in

Aransas County, the City of Rockport, and the Town of Fulton

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, establishing the United States of America as a sovereign nation founded upon the ideals of liberty, freedom, and self-governance; and

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of that historic event, a milestone nationally recognized as the Semiquincentennial; and

WHEREAS, communities across the United States will commemorate this anniversary through educational programs, patriotic observances, historical acknowledgements, and ceremonial activities honoring the legacy of the American people; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas, through its Texas America250 initiative, joins with the national America250 Commission to promote statewide participation in this historic anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Aransas County, the City of Rockport, the Town of Fulton, and surrounding areas collectively embrace this moment as an opportunity to reflect upon our coastal heritage, celebrate our citizens, and recognize the resilience and patriotism that have shaped our communities; and

WHEREAS, throughout the year 2026, residents, civic organizations, local businesses, schools, and visitors shall be encouraged to participate in commemorative programs, festivals, historical recognitions, and community-wide celebrations inspired by the America250 and Texas America250 initiatives; and

WHEREAS, this joint Semiquincentennial observance will strengthen community pride, enhance cultural awareness, support tourism, and inspire future generations to appreciate the sacrifices and achievements that define the American story;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that Aransas County, the City of Rockport, and the Town of Fulton hereby formally recognize the year 2026 as a Year of Semiquincentennial Celebration, and encourage all citizens and community partners to take part in the patriotic spirit of this historic anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this Joint Proclamation shall be recorded and placed into the official records of each governing body, and that appropriate ceremonies and activities be coordinated in unity with America250 and Texas America250 efforts.

Organized in partnership with the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce.

PROCLAIMED AND ADOPTED this __ day of _____, 2025.

ARANSAS COUNTY

Judge Ray Garza, County Judge
Date: _____

CITY OF ROCKPORT

Mayor Tim Jayroe
Date: _____

TOWN OF FULTON

Mayor Kelli Cole
Date: _____