



PROCLAMATION

250th Anniversary of the United States Post Office

WHEREAS, 2025 is the year of the 250th Anniversary of the creation of the United States Post Office, the predecessor of the modern Postal Service, established on July 26, 1775, one year earlier than the founding of the country itself, and later enshrined in the U.S. Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the Postal Service has played a significant role in the historical development of the country from the establishment of roads, railways, and airlines, and is a vital part of the fabric, binding together the people of the country, and

WHEREAS, the Universal Service Obligation (USO) in current law, which enables the population to receive equal and affordable services no matter who we are or where we live, is a democratic right of the people, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Postal Service serves 169 million addresses six days a week, and sometimes, seven days a week, and

WHEREAS, USPS does not receive taxpayer money but instead runs on its own revenue created by postage and postal products, and

WHEREAS, due to its public mission, the Postal Service is the low-cost anchor of the \$1.3 trillion dollar mailing and package industry, which supports 7 million jobs across the country, and

WHEREAS, the Postal Service is an important source of good, union, living-wage jobs with fair hiring practices and equal pay for equal work for workers from all walks of life, and is one of the largest employers of Veterans, and

WHEREAS, any effort to privatize the USPS, in whole or in part, would undermine the very public mission of the Postal Service, the Universal service mandate, and the dedicated work of hundreds of thousands of public servants, and

WHEREAS, while communication habits are always changing, the USPS remains a vital source of communications, the exchange of ideas, financial transactions, private and secure correspondence, mail-order medications, mail-in voting, and e-commerce packages, and a host of opportunities for new and expanded services, and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is owned by the people and is a wonderful national treasure encapsulating the best of government "of, by, and for the people,"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Brad Bleichner, Mayor of the City of Independence, go on record in support of the public mission of the USPS contained in the 1970 Postal Reorganization Act

which says, "The United States Postal Service shall be operated as a basic and fundamental service provided to the people by the Government of the United States, authorized by the Constitution, created by Act of Congress and supported by the people. The Postal Service shall have as its basic function the obligation to bind the Nation together ... " and be it further Resolved that this body appreciates the role of the U.S. Postal Service on its 250th Anniversary, salutes the hard-working postal workers from all walks of life who serve the people and business community, and supports a robust and thriving public Postal Service for generations to come!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Independence on this 22nd day of September, 2025.

Brad Bleichner, Mayor, City of Independence, Iowa

