



## **CELEBRATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE**

**WHEREAS**, on July 4, 1776, the representatives of the thirteen American colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, affirming the principles of liberty, equality, self-government, and the unalienable rights of all people; and

**WHEREAS**, the year 2026 marks the **250th Anniversary of the United States of America**, a historic milestone commemorating two and a half centuries of freedom, democracy, and national progress; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the past 250 years, generations of Americans have worked, sacrificed, and served to preserve and strengthen the ideals upon which our nation was founded; and

**WHEREAS**, the semiquincentennial celebration provides an opportunity for all Americans to reflect on our nation's history, honor those who have contributed to its success, recognize the diversity and resilience of its people, and renew our commitment to the principles of liberty, justice, and opportunity for all; and

**WHEREAS**, communities across the nation are joining together to commemorate this historic occasion through educational programs, civic engagement, community service, and patriotic celebrations that honor our shared heritage and inspire future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Iowa Colony proudly celebrates the spirit of American independence through its annual **FourthFest** celebration, and in 2026 marks the **fourth year** of this cherished community tradition, bringing together residents, families, and visitors for an evening of patriotism, fellowship, and community pride; and

**WHEREAS**, FourthFest features a spectacular fireworks display, live musical entertainment, carnival rides, food vendors, and family-friendly activities that honor our nation's heritage while fostering community engagement and celebrating the freedoms and opportunities enjoyed by all Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Iowa Colony proudly joins citizens throughout the United States in celebrating this historic anniversary and recognizing the enduring values that continue to unite and strengthen our nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Wil Kennedy, Mayor of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim July 4, 2026, as "**250TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY**" in the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, and

encourage all residents to commemorate this historic milestone by reflecting on our nation's rich history, honoring the sacrifices of those who have defended our freedoms, participating in community celebrations such as FourthFest, and reaffirming their commitment to the ideals of liberty, democracy, and civic responsibility.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June , 2026.

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Wil Kennedy  
Mayor of Iowa Colony, Texas