



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6942
June 16, 2026
Consent Agenda**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6942: America’s 250th Anniversary (Proclamation No. 390)	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Approve Proclamation No. 390 proclaiming 2026 as the America 250 Commemoration Year	

DEPARTMENT:	City Council
STAFF:	Dave Rosenbaum, Mayor Andrea Larson, City Clerk
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Proclamation No. 390
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to proclaim 2026 as the America 250 Commemoration Year to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States (see Exhibit 1).

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Proclamation No. 390 recognizes July 4, 2026, as the Semiquincentennial of the United States, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This historic milestone provides an opportunity to reflect on the nation’s founding principles and the individuals, communities, and events that have shaped American history.

The proclamation also highlights Mercer Island’s unique place within that history, acknowledging the ancestral presence of the Duwamish and Snoqualmie peoples, the Island’s early settlement and incorporation, and the community’s contributions to Washington State through civic engagement, educational excellence, environmental stewardship, and regional connectivity.

The proclamation was requested by the [Cascade Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution](#) (DAR), which serves the Mercer Island area and is participating in national and local efforts to commemorate the Semiquincentennial. Adoption of the proclamation provides an opportunity for the City

Council to recognize this significant anniversary and encourage residents to engage in reflection, education, and celebration of the nation's 250-year history.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Proclamation No. 390 proclaiming 2026 as the America 250 Commemoration Year.