

RESOLUTION 23-

A Resolution Of The Township Of Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey Endorsing Revolution NJ And The 250th Anniversary of The Founding Of The United States In 2026

WHEREAS, 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, to observe this momentous occasion, the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, established by Congress (P.L. 114-196) in 2016, and it's supporting non-profit America250, will plan and commemorate on a national level the celebration of our nation's semiquincentennial; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey played a significant role during the American Revolution when it saw more battles and skirmishes than any other state and was truly the Crossroads of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, Governor Philip Murphy and the New Jersey State Legislature in 2018 authorized the creation of a program to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, New Jersey's pivotal role in the American Revolution, and the contributions of its diverse peoples to the nation's past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Historical Commission, under the leadership of Secretary of State Tahesha Way, with its non-profit partner Crossroads of the American Revolution established Revolution NJ to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism, and scholarship in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Revolution NJ will engage New Jerseyans in all 21 counties and 564 municipalities through its officially recognized programs, initiatives, and events; and

WHEREAS, Monmouth County also has a rich history integral to the independence effort, including the critical Battle of Monmouth; and

WHEREAS, Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners has established by way of resolution, Monmouth County's Committee that will commemorate our nation's semiquincentennial, highlighting Monmouth County's role in the fight for independence, and will coordinate events and activities throughout Monmouth County, working with public and private entities; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and desirable that we commemorate the beginning of our great nation and the role New Jersey and Monmouth County have played over the past 250 years, as well as its present and future role as part of the United States, with particular focus on the individuals, ideas, and events that shaped our Country and

WHEREAS, preserving, studying, celebrating and enjoying our history strengthens our communities by way of building bonds amongst our residents, engages our youth in the education about our nation and its founding principles, improves our economies by promoting our unique history and attracting visitors to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Middletown hereby endorses Revolution NJ and its mission to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism and scholarship in New Jersey.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The [Board/Council/Township Committee] commemorates the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States as an independent Nation.
2. The [Board/Council/Township Committee] authorizes the appointment of a committee to develop a plan for this commemoration that will coordinate with the federal, state and county celebration committees and will promote the maximum involvement of our residents, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, historical and civic organizations, and institutions in the commemorations.
3. The [Board/Council/Township Committee] further urges all its residents to reflect upon the significance of this event and the role that our State, County and [Borough, City, Township] and its people have played in the history and development of our Nation and to participate in this important commemoration, endeavoring to include the stories of all those whose lives are part of history, and understanding that the revolution continues today as we uphold the ideals articulated in our founding documents.