

City of Millwood Official Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Millwood is a non-charter code city, by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Millwood shall have all powers possible for a city or town to have under the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington, except such powers not specifically denied to code cities by law; and

WHEREAS, on July 4, 2026, the United States of America will commemorate the Semiquincentennial—the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, this milestone provides an opportunity to reflect on our nation’s history, honor the contributions of all Americans, and reaffirm the democratic ideals that define the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, following the Treaty of Paris of 1783, established a framework for territorial governance and the creation of new states, including what would become the State of Washington in 1889; and

WHEREAS, the area now known as Millwood lies within the traditional homelands of the Spokane Tribe, whose people lived, traveled, and stewarded the Spokane River Valley for generations prior to Euro-American settlement; and economic development in the early twentieth century — marked by the establishment of a railroad station and the Inland Empire Paper Company’s mill — brought workers and families to the area, forming a community that formally incorporated as the Town (now City) of Millwood on October 26, 1927, becoming the first incorporated town in the Spokane Valley and reflecting the evolution of civic life in eastern Washington; and

WHEREAS, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, founded in 1890, is a non-political women’s service organization dedicated to historic preservation, education, and patriotism, with the May Hutton Chapter, established in the Spokane Valley in 1996 and named for suffragist, political activist, and philanthropist May Hutton (1860–1915), continuing that legacy of civic engagement and public service within the Millwood community; and

WHEREAS, the May Hutton Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, in partnership with the City of Millwood, honors those who achieved American independence and all who have shaped and preserved our nation over the past 250 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, Mayor Shawna Beese, on behalf of the Council of the City of Millwood, does hereby proclaim **July 2026** as **AMERICA 250 MONTH**, in the City of Millwood, and encourage community members to commemorate America 250 by learning more about the history of the American Revolution and the enduring legacy of service that has shaped our nation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Millwood to be affixed.

Mayor Shawna Beese
June 9, 2026