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Memorandum

To: Mayor & Council
From: David Reynolds
Re: Workshop Item: Discussion of 2026 Recognition of the United States Semiquincentennial
Date: 1/1/26

Purpose:

The purpose of this Council Workshop item is to discuss ideas concerning the Town's recognition of the United States 250-year anniversary (*semiquincentennial) in 2026.

As mentioned in previous Town Council meetings, the 250th anniversary of the United States is certainly worth special recognition and celebration by the town. Ways that the Town of New Castle may wish to consider celebrating might include one or more of the following:

- A special Proclamation
- Special recognition during a July 4th event
- Themed parade during Burning Mountain Festival
- Semiquincentennial Theme for Burning Mountain Festival
- Patriotic displays or hanging of flags on Main Street
- Special reading of the Declaration of Independence
- 1776 Themed banners or displays

**Semiquincentennial is the 250th anniversary of something, derived from "semi" (half) + "quin" (five) + "centennial" (100), meaning half of 500 years; it's prominently used for the upcoming 2026 celebration of the United States' founding and Declaration of Independence (America250), with events planned throughout 2026.*