

# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Executive Department



## Governor Tim Walz

### Executive Order 23-11

### **Creating a Committee to Coordinate Commemorations of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution**

**I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota**, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following Executive Order:

In 2026, Americans across the nation will mark the 250th (semiquincentennial) anniversary of the American Revolution.

This occasion provides an opportunity for Minnesotans to learn about the context and events of our nation's founding, as well as subsequent historic events.

An organizing body is needed to help coordinate commemorations undertaken by public and private organizations and individuals to ensure that all Minnesotans have opportunities to learn about our complex and inspiring past.

For these reasons, I order as follows:

1. The Governor's Committee on Minnesota America 250 ("the Committee") is established to plan, guide, promote, and coordinate activities in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and Minnesota's significant contributions to the life of our nation over the course of the 250 years.
2. The Committee will consist of up to 15 members, including:
  - a. Two co-chairs and up to eight additional members to be appointed by the Governor. The Governor's appointees will include individuals with experience and expertise in history or history education, tourism, or the humanities.
  - b. One member of the Minnesota Senate designated by the Senate Majority Leader.

- c. One member of the Minnesota Senate designated by the Senate Minority Leader.
  - d. One member of the Minnesota House of Representatives designated by the Speaker of the House.
  - e. One member of the Minnesota House of Representatives designated by the House Minority Leader.
  - f. One tribal member designated by the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council.
3. The Committee will:
- a. Develop, encourage, and execute an inclusive celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and subsequent historic events in American history through civic, cultural, and historical education and programming for all Minnesotans.
  - b. Encourage civic, historical, educational, business, and other organizations throughout Minnesota to organize and participate in activities to expand the understanding and appreciation of the American Revolution and subsequent historic events.
  - c. Coordinate with the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, as well as state and local commissions and private and public organizations and partners, in planning and carrying out this work.
  - d. Provide assistance to nonprofit organizations and governmental units in the development of programs, projects, and activities pertaining to the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution that have lasting educational value within the state.
  - e. Submit an action plan to the Governor and the Minnesota Legislature by January 15, 2024, that outlines the Committee's goals, mission, and recommendations, as well as an annual report each subsequent year that includes any update on the action plan, implementation benchmarks, and related deadlines and schedules.
  - f. The Committee will submit its annual report by January 15 of each year.
4. State agencies and other organizations are encouraged to assist the Committee in its efforts. The Minnesota Historical Society will convene initial meetings of the Committee and will provide support to the Committee.

This Executive Order is effective fifteen days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State. It will remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or until December 31, 2026, whichever occurs first.

A determination that any provision of this Executive Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Executive Order. Rather, the invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary so that it is enforceable.

Signed on September 22, 2023.

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**Tim Walz**  
Governor

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