



PROCLAMATION

Celebrating 250 Years of America and Our Hometown History

WHEREAS, on July 4, 2026, our country is celebrating its 250th birthday, a huge milestone called the Semiquincentennial, to look back at our past and dream big for America's future; and

WHEREAS, the story of Republic, Missouri, is a perfect picture of how America grew up, with our dedicated citizens and open land that made Republic a natural pathway for people, trains, and cars; and

WHEREAS, between 1776 and the 1830s, when the early United States was still small and sitting near the Atlantic Ocean, Republic's smooth prairie land skipped over the rough hills of the Ozarks, making a safe hallway for the very first pioneers traveling out west; and

WHEREAS, between the 1830s and 1860s, Republic was right in the middle of American history when the famous Old Wire Road was built, leading up to the Battle of Wilson's Creek in 1861, which was the first big Civil War battle west of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, between the 1870s and 1920s, Republic grew fast because the Frisco Railroad laid its tracks straight through our beautiful town, leading to Republic becoming an official city in 1871 and helping our local farmers ship apples, tomatoes, and grain all over the country; and

WHEREAS, between the 1920s and 1950s, when Americans started driving cars everywhere, the famous Route 66 highway was built right along the edge of our town, bringing travelers from all over the nation and the world to stop at Republic's gas stations and diners; and

WHEREAS, from the 1960s all the way to this year of 2026, Republic has been a community of traditions, a place of growth, and a history of people who understand the value in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Eric Franklin, Mayor of the City of Republic, Missouri, proudly joins in the celebration of the

"UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'S 250th BIRTHDAY"

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Republic, this 16th day of June 2026.

Eric Franklin, Mayor