

Resolution In Support Of Town Celebration to Be Held in July 2026

Whereas, the Town Council seeks to update and enhance the Town's annual Night Before the Fourth of July Celebration; and

Whereas, Town residents and staff have expressed an interest in transitioning from a parade-type of celebration to a festival-type of celebration; and

Whereas, the diversity and quality of vendors that are available to the Town for such a celebration varies significantly depending on what date the Town chooses for its celebration, and whether other communities are holding competing events on the same date;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Randolph Town Council supports holding the following type of celebration in 2026, in lieu of the annual Night Before the 4th parade and fireworks:

1. The celebration should be a festival-type celebration, to take place during daytime hours, on Saturday, July 11, 2026. The specific times for the event shall be chosen by Town staff after review of the logistics, vendors, and public safety requirements.
2. The celebration should be a static event and should not be a moving event along a parade route.
3. The celebration should be located in the public spaces in and around Randolph High School and Randolph Town Hall, including along Memorial Parkway and in the fields behind the High School and Town Hall. The specific locations to be used, within those areas, shall be chosen by Town staff after review of the logistics, vendors, and public safety requirements.
4. To the extent possible, the celebration should incorporate local groups as well as state and national groups and should include a variety of performances in a variety of genres. The celebration should reflect the Town's diverse population and celebrate the various cultures, languages and backgrounds of our residents.
5. To the extent possible, the celebration should include vendors to provide food and beverages to the attendees.
6. To the extent possible, the celebration should include patriotic and historical themes and decorations to celebrate Randolph, the Fourth of July and the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding.
7. The celebration should be advertised to Randolph residents, although all members of the public are welcome.
8. The celebration should be family friendly.
9. The celebration should not include fireworks.

The Town Council requests that the Town Manager and/or his staff implement this plan and bring forward a funding request to the Town Council to support the costs of the celebration on or before March 9, 2026. The Town Council requests the Town Manager and his staff to engage a professional event planner or similar consultant to assist with this celebration effort.