

AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

Proclamation in Recognition of the Nationwide Reading of the Declaration of Independence

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the Semiquincentennial anniversary (250th) of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence took place on July 8, 1776; and

WHEREAS, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a non-political women's service organization founded in 1890, dedicated to Patriotism, Education, and Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Rochelle Chapter of DAR will participate in a nationwide simultaneous reading of the Declaration of Independence on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 5 p.m. at the Flagg Rochelle Public Library; and

WHEREAS, youth activities following the reading will promote learning about United States history;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor John Bearrows of the City of Rochelle, do hereby proclaim July 8, 2026 as a day of recognition for the Nationwide Reading of the Declaration of Independence and encourage all citizens to participate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Rochelle to be affixed this 22nd day of June, 2026.

John Bearrows, Mayor

Attest: _____
Rose Mary Huéramo, City Clerk

