

## DRAFT PROCLAMATION FOR CITIES AND COUNTIES

**WHEREAS**, July 4, 2026, marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and the founding of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Legislature established the Semiquincentennial Committee in 2022 to coordinate and provide guidance for Washington’s official observance of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary and appointed the Washington State Historical Society as the administrating agency for all America’s 250 planning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Historical Society has a mission to “partner with our communities to explore how history connects us all” and has a directive to “assist and encourage” cultural and historical organizations and efforts throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, preserving, studying, celebrating, and appreciating our shared history helps strengthen communities as we work together toward the ideals of liberty and equality embedded in the Declaration of Independence; and

**WHEREAS**, the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary provides an opportunity to celebrate and recognize the significant contributions Washingtonians have made to local, state, and national history; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Historical Society desires to focus attention during the commemorative season on local communities, local histories and local voices through its community partnership program, historical initiatives, educational resources, and promotional support; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tenino Incorporated in 1906 has contributed proudly and significantly to the history of the United States of America and the State of Washington for more than 120 years;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I the mayor of the City of Tenino and the Tenino City Council do hereby proclaim that the City of Tenino will engage in commemorative activities during the United States’ Semiquincentennial Year of 2026 including Family Fun Day on June 27, 2026; and call upon all its residents to reflect upon the significance of this commemoration and the role our community and its diverse people have played in the history and development of the United States of America.

Done this 12 day of May 2026