

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-009R
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
IN SUPPORT OF THE ILLINOIS AMERICA250 COMMEMORATION

WHEREAS, the Village of Thornton, Cook County, Illinois (the “*Village*”) is a home rule municipality pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs (the “*Home Rule Powers*”); and

WHEREAS, the United States of America will commemorate its 250th anniversary on July 4, 2026, marking a historic milestone in the nation’s history; and

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, asserting the American colonies’ freedom from British rule and laying the foundation for the principles of democracy and self-governance; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, known as the America250 Commission was established by Congress in 2016 to plan and orchestrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, aiming to engage all Americans in commemorating this historic event through educational initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois America250 Commission was established to develop, encourage and execute an inclusive commemoration and observance of the founding of the United States of America, and Illinois’ imperative role in the nation’s history; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois America250 Commission encourages communities, libraries, schools, local governments, historical societies, cultural institutions, and individuals of all ages to develop inclusive commemorations that reflect on Illinois’ role in the nation’s history and development; and

WHEREAS, recognizing and supporting the Illinois America250 Commission will help ensure a meaningful and educational commemoration for all residents and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the commemoration provides an opportunity to reflect on the state’s historical significance, honor the achievements of its people, and inspire civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Thornton hereby formally supports the Illinois America250 Commission and its mission to commemorate our nation’s 250th anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Thornton, Cook County, Illinois, in the exercise of its Home Rule Powers, hereby expresses its support for the Illinois America250 Commission, and encourages all Illinois communities to organize and participate in local events leading up to and culminating on July 4, 2026, to celebrate America’s 250th anniversary.

APPROVED this 4th day of May 2026.

Maxine Reynolds, Village President

ATTEST:

Nikki Kitakis, Village Clerk

PASSED by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Thornton, Cook County,

Illinois this 4th day of May 2026, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CUNNINGHAM				
GLASER				
KAYE				
MIDDLEBROOKS				
PISARZEWSKI				
PRATSCHER				
VILLAGE PRESIDENT REYNOLDS				
TOTAL				

APPROVED by the Village President of the Village of Thornton, Cook County, Illinois on this 4th day of May 2026.

MAXINE REYNOLDS
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

NIKKI KITAKIS
VILLAGE CLERK