

RESOLUTION R-2025-90

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WHEATON IN SUPPORT OF THE ILLINOIS AMERICA250
COMMEMORATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Wheaton, Illinois (the "City") is an Illinois home-rule municipality pursuant to provisions of Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970; and as such the City may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; 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 (america250.org) 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 (IL250.org) 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 City pledges to become an Illinois America250 Community by promoting the 250th anniversary of America in Illinois and share information from the Illinois America250 Commission and appoints the City Clerk as the City of Wheaton's Illinois America250 Community Contact; and

WHEREAS, the City plans to create public programs and events to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, the City plans to involve its boards and commissions in conjunction with other civic organizations and governmental entities in the City to develop unique and creative programing supporting this special celebration; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wheaton hereby formally supports the Illinois America250 Commission and its mission to commemorate our nation's 250th anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wheaton, DuPage County, Illinois, pursuant to its home rule authority, 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.

ADOPTED this 17th day of November 2025.

Mayor

Philip J. Suess

ATTEST:

Andrea Rosedale

City Clerk

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman Bray-Parker
Councilwoman Brice
Councilman Brown
Mayor Suess
Councilman Clousing
Councilwoman Robbins
Councilman Weller

Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried Unanimously