

## Resolution

No. 2025-61

## Recognition of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence

**WHEREAS**, the United States will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026, a historic milestone known as the United States Semi-quincentennial; and

WHEREAS, events across America are being planned at the national, state, and local levels to recognize this anniversary and reflect on the nation's founding principles of democracy, liberty, and public service; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin counties have the authority under Wis. Stat. §59.56 to support cultural, educational, and civic programming that benefits residents and promotes public engagement; and

WHEREAS, the 250th anniversary presents an opportunity for county governments to foster greater civic awareness, educate the public about the history and functions of local government, and encourage youth involvement and future leadership in public service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Counties Association is well-positioned to develop and share promotional materials, event ideas, and social media content to help counties across the state and participate in this once-in-a-generation commemoration;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 27th day of May 2025, respectfully urges the Wisconsin State Legislature to provide funding assistance to the Wisconsin Counties Association to support county association involvement in the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, with a focus on civic education, public engagement, and historical awareness;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.

By Action of the:

**Bayfield County Board of Supervisors** 

Dennis Pocernich, Chair

STATE OF WISCONSIN ) ) ss.
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD )

I, Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2025-61, Volume 30, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk