

Resolution 2025-97
A Resolution of Kootenai County, Idaho
Supporting the America 250 In Idaho Commemoration and the
United States Semiquincentennial

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

WHEREAS, Governor Brad Little proclaimed the establishment of the America 250 in Idaho Commemoration in July 2024 to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of this momentous occasion, and honor and recognize the contributions of Idaho's residents to the nation's past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and desirable that we commemorate the birth of the nation with the support of partners and stakeholders across the Gem State, America 250 in Idaho will advance the ideals of the American Revolution – equality, liberty, and justice – through meaningful community engagement and recognize, appreciate, and commemorate America's legacy; and

WHEREAS, Kootenai County, founded in 1864 has contributed proudly and significantly to the history of our nation and our state for more than 161 years; and

WHEREAS, the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners encourages its citizens to create and participate in programs that will commemorate the history of our county, state, and our nation; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Kootenai County hereby endorses the America 250 in Idaho Commemoration and its vision to celebrate American history and in the invaluable contributions of Idahoans to our region, nation, and world.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. Kootenai County commemorates the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States as an independent nation.
2. Kootenai County authorizes the appointment of its Historic Preservation Commission to oversee local projects and efforts to support this commemoration that will promote the maximum involvement of our residents, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, civic organizations, and institutions in the commemorations.
3. Kootenai County will officially recognize the 250th Anniversary of America with a celebration on July 3, 2026, the State of Idaho's 136th birthday, in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the completion of the historic Kootenai County Courthouse. This celebration event is to be held in a cooperative fashion with the City of Coeur d' Alene.
4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the America 250 in Idaho Advisory Council.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of December, 2025.

KOOTENAI COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:
JENNIFER LOCKE, CLERK

Bruce Mattare, Chairman



Leslie Duncan, Commissioner - Signed 12/30/2025
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Deputy Clerk



Teri Johnston - Signed 12/30/2025



Marc Eberlein, Commissioner
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