

# 2026 South Dakota Legislature

## Senate Resolution 701

### AMENDMENT SR701A FOR THE INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

1 **A RESOLUTION recognizing the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of**  
2 **Independence.**

3 WHEREAS, July 4, 2026, will signify 250 years since the founding fathers voted to finalize  
4 the text of the Declaration of Independence, which established the sovereignty of the original  
5 thirteen colonies; and

6 WHEREAS, ~~indigenous nations, generations of immigrants, civil rights advocates, and~~  
7 ~~countless others~~ generations of natural-born Americans and immigrants have worked  
8 tirelessly to promote and protect freedom and justice for all, and to create, based on those  
9 principles, the United States we recognize today; and

10 WHEREAS, the tribal nations within this state's borders, as well as this state's pioneer  
11 heritage, agricultural innovations, and its resilient civil spirit contributed to the growth of this  
12 incredible nation and will continue to support the United States of America for many years yet  
13 to come; and

14 WHEREAS, the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence presents numerous  
15 opportunities to educate all Americans about our nation, to celebrate our republican  
16 institutions, and to renew a shared commitment to ensuring a resilient ~~republic~~ Constitutional  
17 Republic for all;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the One Hundred First Legislature  
19 of the State of South Dakota, that the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence  
20 be recognized as a time to reflect upon the founding principles of ~~ordered~~ liberty, ~~democracy,~~  
21 ~~and~~ equality, and natural rights; to celebrate the profound achievements of our first 250  
22 years; and to prepare for all that this great nation has yet to experience during the next 250  
23 years.