



2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Resolution 7001

HOUSE ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Representative Wittman**

1 **A RESOLUTION recognizing the 250th 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, generations of natural-born Americans and immigrants have worked tirelessly
7 to promote and protect freedom and justice for all, and to create, based on those principles,
8 the United States we recognize today; and

9 WHEREAS, the tribal nations within this state's borders, as well as this state's pioneer
10 heritage, agricultural innovations, and its resilient civic spirit contributed to the growth of this
11 incredible nation; and

12 WHEREAS, the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence presents numerous
13 opportunities to educate all Americans about our nation, to celebrate our republican
14 institutions, and to renew a shared commitment to ensuring a resilient Constitutional Republic
15 for all;

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