



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Resolution 701

SENATE ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Senator Reed**

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, 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 civil spirit contributed to the growth of this  
11 incredible nation; and

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