



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Resolution 701

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AN ACT

A RESOLUTION recognizing the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

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

WHEREAS, generations of natural-born Americans and immigrants have worked tirelessly to promote and protect freedom and justice for all, and to create, based on those principles, the United States we recognize today; and

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

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

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

Adopted by the Senate,

January 15, 2026

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