

# City of Statesville, North Carolina

## Office of the Mayor

### Proclamation

#### America 250 – Celebrating 250 Years of American Independence

**WHEREAS**, on July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was adopted, establishing the United States of America and affirming the enduring principles of liberty, equality, and self-governance; and

**WHEREAS**, the year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of that historic event, known nationwide as the United States Semiquincentennial, or “America 250”; and

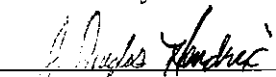
**WHEREAS**, this milestone provides an opportunity to reflect on our nation’s history – its achievements, its challenges, and the generations whose service and sacrifice have strengthened our democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Statesville, founded in 1789, has grown alongside our nation and continues to contribute to the civic, cultural, and economic vitality of North Carolina and the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, commemorating America 250 promotes civic engagement, historical understanding, volunteerism, and renewed commitment to the ideals that unite us as Americans;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, J. Douglas Hendrix, Mayor of the City of Statesville, together with the Statesville City Council, do hereby proclaim the year 2026 as “**America 250 Year**” in the City of Statesville and encourage residents, schools, civic organizations, businesses, and community partners to participate in activities and events that honor our shared history and inspire continued service to our community and nation.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF* I have set  
my Hand and caused the Great Seal  
of the City of Statesville to be affixed  
this 2nd day of March 2026



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J. Douglas Hendrix, Mayor