

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2025

A RESOLUTION CREATING THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AMERICA250KY COMMITTEE AS THE DESIGNATED LOCAL OFFICIAL KENTUCKY AMERICA250KY PLANNING ORGANIZATION (AS AMENDED).

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS JOSEPH, OWEN, RAYMOND, AND PARKER

WHEREAS, the Kentucky General Assembly created the Kentucky Sestercentennial Committee to plan, encourage, develop, and implement events to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States and to recognize Kentucky's role in the nation's past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, America250KY has a mission to engage all Kentuckians across all 120 counties through officially recognized programs, projects, and events; and

WHEREAS, America250KY will educate citizens of the Commonwealth about the history of all Kentuckians in the national experiment of the pursuit for the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and the impact Kentucky's history had on American history; and

WHEREAS, America250KY recognizes Kentucky's presence at the crossroads of multiple historic events, and Kentucky's significant political and cultural influences on the nation at large both historically and in the present; and

WHEREAS, America250KY understands the importance of exploring state and local history to better understand Kentuckian's roles and responsibilities within our communities today; and

WHEREAS, by adopting America250KY's mission, the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government America250 Committee is officially formed to help achieve the goals of America250KY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT ("COUNCIL") AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: The Council hereby endorses America250KY and its mission to plan, encourage, develop, and implement events to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States and to recognize Kentucky's role in the nation's past, present, and future.

SECTION II: The Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government America250KY Committee (hereinafter "Committee") is hereby established as the official Jefferson County affiliate of America250KY to coordinate local events, educational programs, and other activities to celebrate and commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States and to recognize Kentucky's role in the nation's past, present, and future.

SECTION III: The Committee shall be composed of:

- Two (2) members shall be appointed by the Mayor from a list submitted by the Jefferson County Democratic Executive Committee;
- Two (2) members shall be appointed by the Mayor from a list submitted by the Jefferson County Republican Party Executive Committee;
- Two (2) members shall be appointed by the President of the Louisville Metro Council from a list submitted by Chair of the Louisville Metro Council Democratic Caucus;
- Two (2) members shall be appointed by the President of the Louisville Metro Council from a list submitted by the Chair of the Louisville Metro Council Republican Caucus;

- Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Mayor;
- One (1) member shall be appointed by the Waterfront Development Corporation;
- One (1) member shall be appointed by Louisville Tourism;
- One (1) member shall be appointed by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, which is based in Louisville, Kentucky;
- One (1) member shall be appointed by the locally recognized chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution;
- One (1) member shall be appointed by the University of Louisville College of Arts and Sciences;
- One (1) member shall be appointed by Board of Directors of the Louisville the Filson Historical Society;
- One (1) member shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of Frazier History Museum; ~~and~~
- One (1) member shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of Historic Locust Grove; and
- One (1) member shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of Roots 101 African-American Museum.

SECTION IV: The Committee shall be attached to the Office of Planning ~~Mayor's Office for Special Events~~ for staffing purposes and shall meet not less than monthly. The Committee may meet virtually or in a location provided by Metro Government.

SECTION V: The Committee shall elect a Democratic Co-Chair and a Republican Co-Chair, who shall alternate chairing the meetings.

SECTION VI: The Committee shall be responsible for coordinating with

America250KY to plan and execute bipartisan and non-partisan community and educational events in the months leading up to the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026. The Committee may consult with entities and organizations in this effort, including but not limited to local Democratic and Republican parties and the Jefferson County Board of Education. All members of the Committee shall serve as liaisons for any other community cultural organizations that may want to participate.

SECTION VII: The Committee shall coordinate with Louisville Metro Government in planning a large-scale celebration to occur on or around July 4, 2026, which may include musical performances, a parade, military demonstrations, fireworks, and historical commemorations to facilitate the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the American founding. The Committee shall also coordinate other events throughout 2026 to celebrate.

SECTION VIII: The Committee shall prepare and publish a final report on the Louisville celebrations of America 250 to be filed with the archives of Louisville Metro Government no later than December 31, 2026.

SECTION IX: Committee members shall be unpaid volunteers who will work with Metro Government officials to help plan and execute events commemorating the 250th celebration of the Declaration of Independence. To the extent that funding is available, the Committee may contract with individuals or organizations for those items and services associated with the commemorative events coordinated by the Committee. The Committee may raise funds through private contributions and/or seek funding allocated as part of the Metro budget.

SECTION X: The Committee shall terminate upon the filing of the final report, but no later than December 31, 2026.

SECTION XI: A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Kentucky Historical Society, the administrative agency of the America250KY Committee.

SECTION XII: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval or otherwise becoming law.

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Metro Council Clerk

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President of the Council

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Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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