
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH A HAWAII COMMISSION ON THE
UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL BY EXECUTIVE ORDER.

1 WHEREAS, July 4, 2026, marks the 250th Anniversary of the
2 signing of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of
3 the United States of America; and
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5 WHEREAS, to observe this momentous occasion, the U.S.
6 Semiquincentennial Commission, established by Congress under the
7 United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 (Public
8 Law 114-196), was created to provide for the observance and
9 commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the
10 United States and related events; and
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12 WHEREAS, the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission is tasked
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- 15 (1) Preparing an overall program for commemorating the
16 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States
17 and the historic events preceding the anniversary; and
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- 19 (2) Planning, encouraging, developing, and coordinating
20 observances and activities commemorating the historic
21 events that preceded, and are associated with, the
22 United States Semiquincentennial; and
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24 WHEREAS, the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission and the
25 America250 Foundation, the nonprofit partner of the U.S.
26 Semiquincentennial Commission, are working to organize and
27 facilitate the observance of this historical American milestone;
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30 WHEREAS, according to the America250 Foundation, eighteen
31 states have created commissions to join in America250's efforts
32 to mark America's 250th anniversary of independence on July 4,
33 2026; and



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2 WHEREAS, to appropriately take part in America's
3 semiquincentennial celebration, it is fitting that the State of
4 Hawaii establish a commission to celebrate the 250th Anniversary
5 of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the
6 founding of the United States of America by having the Hawaii
7 commission plan and coordinate commemorations and observances of
8 this nationwide celebration; and
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10 WHEREAS, a Hawaii Commission on the United States
11 Semiquincentennial will serve as a necessary part of encouraging
12 the people of Hawaii to not only participate in this momentous
13 and celebratory occasion but also remember the past, celebrate
14 the present, and look forward to a promising future for the
15 United States; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
19 of 2022, that the Governor is requested to establish a Hawaii
20 Commission on the United States Semiquincentennial by Executive
21 Order; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Commission on the
24 United States Semiquincentennial coordinate a statewide effort
25 commemorating and celebrating the 250th anniversary of the
26 founding of the United States of America; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
29 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of
30 Hawaii, the Chairman of the United States Semiquincentennial
31 Commission, and the Executive Director of the United States
32 Semiquincentennial Commission.
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