

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD CONNECTICUT

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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the formation of the United States of America will occur on July 4, 2026; and
- **WHEREAS,** Wallingford, founded in 1670, has contributed proudly and significantly to the history of our nation and our state for more than 355 years; and
- WHEREAS, in 2016 the United States Congress established by Joint Resolution the America 250 Commission to encourage observance of the 250 years of our nation's existence; and
- WHEREAS, Governor Lamont established Connecticut's Semiquincentennial Commission with Executive Order 22-02, and the Commission has determined its mission and purpose is to develop, encourage, and execute an inclusive celebration, commemoration, and observance of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence through civic, cultural, and historical education events and programming; and
- WHEREAS, the Commission will enhance tourism, economic development, history and civic education, historic preservation, and outdoor recreation within the state; and
- WHEREAS, America 250 | CT will engage Connecticut residents in all 169 municipalities through local 250th committees and affiliate organizations through its culmination in 2026; and
- WHEREAS, preserving, studying, and enjoying state history strengthens communities, builds pride, and forges bonds between Connecticut residents as we work together toward the goal of equality, and recognition of the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and
- WHEREAS, it is appropriate that Wallingford engages fully with our past and looks toward a shared future; and
- WHEREAS, the Mayor of Wallingford thus encourages its citizens to create and participate in programs that will commemorate the history of our town, our state, and our nation; and
- **NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved that I, Vincent Cervoni do hereby proclaim that Wallingford will fully engage in commemorative activities leading up to and through July 4, 2026.

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Vincent Cervoni, Mayor

DATED THIS 20th DAY OF AUGUST, 2025 Wallingford, Connecticut