

1 \_\_\_\_\_ JOINT RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
5 MONTANA RECOGNIZING THE 250TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

7           WHEREAS, the Montana Legislature wishes to acknowledge milestones in the history of the United  
8   States of America; and

9 WHEREAS, colonists in the British colonies in North America were frustrated by the overreach of the  
10 power of the British King and Parliament; and

11           WHEREAS, the colonists considered themselves more American and believed they were under forced  
12   British rule; and

13 WHEREAS, the colonial leaders wrote a Declaration of Independence, issued on July 4, 1776, breaking  
14 away from British rule; and

15 WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence enunciates grievances against British rule; and

16 WHEREAS, the Preamble of the Declaration of Independence states that "all men are created equal,  
17 that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights"; and

18 WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence declares further that all men have the right to "Life,  
19 Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness"; and

20 WHEREAS, France and Spain joined in wartime alliance with the American colonies under the  
21 command of George Washington, who would become the first President of the United States; and

22 WHEREAS, sixteen United States Presidents can trace their ancestry to those who fought or provided  
23 assistance in the War for American Independence; and

24 WHEREAS, in the year 2026, the United States of America will commemorate its 250th Anniversary in  
25 celebrating our "Declaration of Independence"; and

26 WHEREAS, the Montana Legislature desires to promote this unique, patriotic anniversary and urge all  
27 Montanans to celebrate and learn about the Declaration of Independence and America's founding; and

28 WHEREAS, the Sons of the American Revolution was founded on April 30, 1889, 100 years after the

1 inauguration of George Washington; and

2 WHEREAS, the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded on October 11, 1890; and

3 WHEREAS, both the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution  
4 share a mission to promote American history and the appreciation of our founding documents.

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6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
7 THE STATE OF MONTANA:

8 That we, the members of the 2025 Montana Legislature, applaud the goals and educational outreach of  
9 both the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution and partners  
10 previously mentioned, and convey to these organizations our heartfelt best wishes as we celebrate the 250th  
11 Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026.

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