



WASHINGTON
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AMERICA'S 250TH

WHAT IS AMERICA'S 250TH?

The year 2026 will mark 250 years since the founding of the United States as marked by the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

This commemoration is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to come together with a shared purpose in reflecting on the past, while working together to build stronger, more connected communities in the future.

As part of the ongoing work of forming “a more perfect union,” we invite all Washington communities—regardless of size, capacity, or location—to join us by participating in America’s 250th.

Washington’s Semiquincentennial (250) Committee provides guidance for our state’s official observance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. The committee is chaired by the lieutenant governor, managed by the Washington State Historical Society, and comprised of state legislators and a variety of representatives from state agencies and commissions.

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The 250th anniversary of the United States’ Declaration of Independence is coming in 2026

Join the effort by becoming an official partner



KEY 2026 DATES

June 14 (Flag Day): Day of Service

Organize service projects or volunteer for a local cause. Anyone can participate on any date in 2026—June 14 is just a suggestion!

July 4: Independence Day

Incorporate our official themes—We the People, Power of Place, and Sharing History—into your local activities.

August 8: Washington Museum Day

Museums across the state will offer free or discounted admission and promote their participation in our *Out of Many, One* statewide exhibition project.

September 17 (Constitution Day): Day of Civic Engagement

Plan activities to support civic participation and education such as a voter registration drive or a civics-themed trivia night.

Out of Many, One

Out of Many, One is a statewide exploration of the American experience through objects, images, and artwork from Washington museums selected by their communities. During summer 2026, visit museums around the state to see the variety of Washington experiences!

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COMMEMORATIVE THEMES

We the People

Democracy is an ongoing effort that requires a collective commitment to our shared values of liberty and equality. How can your 250 activities explore democratic principles and support active civic participation in your community?

Power of Place

Our places—natural, built, and cultural—help shape Washington communities and stories. What historic and cultural places that contribute to our shared senses of identity and community can you highlight during the 250th?

Sharing History

Sharing inclusive histories will help us better understand the past and build stronger, more connected communities in the future. How can we use the 250th to support local history organizations and improve history and civics education in our state?

BECOME A PARTNER

Join the team!

If you're a governmental, educational, or non-profit organization who wants to participate, our partnership program is FREE and benefits include:

- Organization name and website listed on our partner page
- Ability to post 250-related events and activities on the statewide calendar of events
- Use of the official logos, a variety of digital templates, and other marketing materials
- Access to toolkits and guides designed to help you plan local activities, including a print-on-demand historical panel exhibit
- Monthly partner e-news that includes planning suggestions, highlights from other partners, and updates from the state and national levels



Become an official 250 partner today!

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