

**CITY OF LEAD**  
**PROCLAMATION**  
*Office of the Mayor*  
**America250**

**WHEREAS**, the year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of the United States of America, a historic milestone known as the Semi quinentennial; and

**WHEREAS**, America250 is a nationwide, nonpartisan initiative to commemorate and celebrate 250 years of American independence, honoring our nation’s past, celebrating the present, and inspiring future generations through civic engagement, education, and community participation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lead recognizes the importance of reflecting on our shared history, honoring the sacrifices and achievements of those who came before us, and reaffirming our commitment to the ideals of liberty, opportunity, and democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, Lead’s unique history—from its mining heritage and spirit of innovation to its vibrant community and cultural traditions—reflects the resilience, determination, and pioneering character that define the American experience; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in America250 provides an opportunity for the City of Lead to engage residents, businesses, schools, and community organizations in meaningful programs, events, and activities that celebrate our local history and our connection to the broader American story; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lead is committed to fostering civic pride, encouraging community involvement, and creating lasting memories that honor this historic national milestone.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Lead, South Dakota, do hereby recognize and declare the City of Lead as an Official Partner of America250, and encourage all residents, organizations, and businesses to participate in commemorative events and activities throughout the Semi quinentennial celebration.

**I, Dustin Heupel, Mayor of the City of Lead, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim,**

**Saturday, July 4, 2026 as**

**AMERICA250 DAY**

**in the City of Lead**

**IN WITNESS**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Lead, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

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**Dustin Heupel--Mayor**