

Proclamation

Abilene Celebrates America 250

WHEREAS, the United States of America will commemorate its 250th anniversary in 2026, marking a historic milestone that honors the nation's founding, democratic ideals, and the generations of Americans who have shaped its story; and

WHEREAS, the America 250 commemoration provides an opportunity for communities across the nation to reflect on their unique role in America's history, celebrate civic pride, and engage residents and visitors through education, heritage, and community activities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene, Kansas holds a significant place in American history as the hometown of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Kansas' only United States President, and as a community shaped by frontier settlement, the Chisholm Trail, railroad expansion, agriculture, and a longstanding tradition of entrepreneurship and service to the nation; and

WHEREAS, Abilene has received national recognition as a Best Historic Small Town and Best U.S. Small Town, reflecting its commitment to preservation, storytelling, and welcoming visitors from across the country; and

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene encourages residents, businesses, and organizations to commemorate America 250 through community-led initiatives, public art, educational programming, tourism promotion, and civic engagement; and

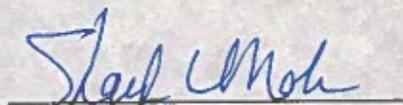
WHEREAS, these efforts will highlight Abilene's history, culture, and people while strengthening community pride and inviting others to experience Abilene as part of the Heart of America;

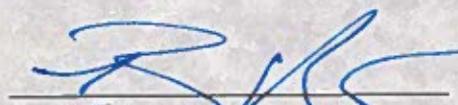
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Abilene, Kansas, that the City hereby recognizes and supports Abilene Celebrates America 250, and encourages residents, organizations, businesses, and visitors to participate in activities and events leading up to the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the City of Abilene affirms its commitment to honoring America's history, celebrating civic pride, and sharing Abilene's story as part of the American experience.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Abilene, Kansas to be affixed this 26th day of January 2026.




Shayla L. Mohr, CMC, City Clerk


Brandon Rein, Mayor