

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To encourage students in grades one through twelve to read the U.S. Declaration of Independence in the classroom during the 2025-2026 school year in celebration of its 250th anniversary.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio (the Senate concurring):

WHEREAS, The 250th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Declaration of Independence is on July 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump established Task Force 250 to provide a grand celebration worthy of the momentous occasion of the 250th anniversary of American Independence and to honor the history of our great Nation; and

WHEREAS, Students and schools should join in the meaningful celebrations taking place nationally in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, An understanding of the founding documents, especially the Declaration of Independence, is an important component of each student's education; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 136th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, encourage students in grades one through twelve to join in the national celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence by reading it in the classroom during the 2025-2026 school year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage schools to provide formal classroom time for students to read and discuss the Declaration of Independence during the 2025-2026 school year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Director of Education and Workforce, and the news media of Ohio.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Adopted _____, 20____