




# TOWN OF GRANBY

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 29, 2025

**TO:** The Granby Board of Selectmen

**FROM:** Mike Walsh, Granby Town Manager 

**REGARDING:** Granby America 250 Committee Proclamation

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Attached please find a Town of Granby Granby America 250 Committee Proclamation.

As you may recall, the Board of Selectmen recently created the Granby America 250 Committee which is Chaired by Mark Neumann. That group has been working diligently on a variety of events that will allow the Town of Granby and its residents to appropriately celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup>.

This proclamation is intended to highlight the work that is occurring locally, across the state, and the country as we move toward July 4, 2026.

If this proclamation is acceptable to the board, a motion to approve it is recommended.

I will be on hand to answer any questions on this item. Thank you.

**The Town of Granby  
Granby America 250 Committee Proclamation  
August 4, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the formation of the United States of America will occur on July 4, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Granby was founded in 1786 and has contributed proudly and significantly to the history of our nation and our state for more than 239 years; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016 the United States Congress established by Joint Resolution the America 250 Commission to encourage observance of the 250 years of our nation's existence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor established Connecticut's Semiquincentennial Commission with Executive Order 22-02, and the Commission has determined its mission and purpose is to develop, encourage, and execute an inclusive celebration, commemoration, and observance of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence through civic, cultural, and historical education events and programming; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission will enhance tourism, economic development, history and civic education, historic preservation, and outdoor recreation within the state; and

**WHEREAS**, America 250 | CT will engage Connecticut residents in all 169 municipalities through local 250th committees and affiliate organizations through its culmination in 2028; and

**WHEREAS**, preserving, studying, and enjoying state history strengthens communities, builds pride, and forges bonds between Connecticut residents as we work together toward the goal of equality, and recognition of the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate that the Town of Granby engages fully with our past and looks toward a shared future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Granby thus encourage its citizens to create and participate in programs that will commemorate the history of our town, our state, and our nation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Mark Fiorentino, First Selectman, do hereby proclaim that the Town of Granby will fully engage in commemorative activities leading up to and through July 4, 2026.

I urge all community members to take advantage of the resources available from the America 250 Commission, the Connecticut Semiquincentennial Commission, and the Town of Granby America 250 Committee to observe the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence by coordinating commemorative events, planning historical activities, providing opportunities for public discourse, creating new scholarship around Connecticut's complete history, creating new educational opportunities, and by seeking opportunities for historic preservation. The Town of Granby pledges to uplift, support, and generate commemorative opportunities.

Signature and Seal \_\_\_\_\_

**PROCLAIMED/ADOPTED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025