

**THE COUNTY OF CHESTER
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION No. 47-21**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CHESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING THE
PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES
SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (AMERICA250PA) AND CREATING A CHESTER
COUNTY 250PA COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania legislature and Governor created AMERICA250PA in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States and Pennsylvania's integral role in that event and the role of its people on the nation's past, present and future; and

WHEREAS, AMERICA250PA hopes to engage ALL Pennsylvanians and ALL 67 counties through their many unique and officially recognized programs, projects, and events over the next five years by inspiring future leaders and celebrating all Pennsylvanians' contributions to the nation over the last 250 years; and

WHEREAS, AMERICA250PA's efforts are guided by the four pillars of EPIC - Educate, Preserve, Innovate, and Celebrate; and

WHEREAS, Chester County was one of the three original counties designated by Pennsylvania's founder, William Penn; and

WHEREAS, Chester County was home to significant Revolutionary War events and sites such as the Battle of Brandywine, Battle of the Clouds, Paoli Massacre, and Valley Forge that are worthy of commemoration and public education; and

WHEREAS, Chester County's historic themes of iron and steel production, social justice and equity, and the agricultural economy are also worthy of commemoration and public education; and

WHEREAS, Chester County's population and history is diverse and reflective of the contemporary broad sweep of the American community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Chester hereby endorses AMERICA250PA and their mission to educate, preserve, innovate and celebrate EVERY Pennsylvanian in EVERY county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Chester officially establishes an AMERICA250PA Chester County Commission for the next seven years to coordinate activities with AMERICA250PA in Chester County, to help build the foundation for celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary, and to prepare specific steps for celebrating the nation's heritage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AMERICA250PA Chester County Commission shall have diverse membership, with representatives from the county, the Chester County History Center, the Chester County Historic Preservation Network, the Chester County Convention and Visitors Bureau, educators, businesses, community organizations, municipalities, and the general public; and

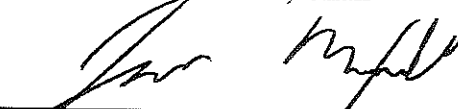
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AMERICA250PA Chester County Commission, as part of its activities, may gather input and information from the general public, municipalities, and other partners about the county's history; assess historic sites and recommend enhancements for improving capacity; develop and implement an interpretive framework for historic tourism; prepare and implement county-wide marketing; tailor a civic based educational curriculum for Chester County schools; organize and sponsor on-going programs and events for the 250th celebration; and identify financial support for the 250th celebration and related tourism efforts; and


IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Chester County legislative delegation and AMERICA250PA Commission.

THIS RESOLUTION, adopted this 10th day of November, 2021, by the Board of Chester County Commissioners.

COMMISSIONERS:


Marian D. Moskowitz, Chair


Josh Maxwell, Commissioner


Michelle Kichline, Commissioner

ATTEST


Robert J. Kagel, Chief Clerk