

## **Proclamation**

### **“America 250 - Colorado 150”**

**Whereas**, the year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and,

**Whereas**, the year 2026 marks Colorado’s 150th anniversary of statehood; and,

**Whereas**, Adams County, founded in 1901 has contributed proudly and significantly to the history of our nation and our state for more than 122 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 Colorado legislature established the America 250 - Colorado 150 Commission with the passage of Senate Bill 2022-011, and the Commission has determined its mission and purpose is to celebrate Colorado by acknowledging the completeness of our shared history, honor that which makes Colorado unique, and strive toward a more perfect union; and,

**Whereas**, it is appropriate that Adams County engages fully with our past and looks toward a shared future; and,

**Whereas**, Adams County encourages its citizens to create and participate in programs that will commemorate the history of our city, our state, and our nation.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Board of County Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, hereby proclaims that Adams County will fully engage in commemorative activities leading up to and during the Commission’s stated length of observance: July 4, 2025, through December 31, 2026.

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Board urges community members to take advantage of the resources available from the America 250 Commission, the America 250 - Colorado 150 Commission, and Adams County to observe the sesquicentennial anniversary by coordinating commemorative events, planning historical activities, providing opportunities for public discourse, creating new scholarship around Colorado’s complete history, creating new educational opportunities, and by seeking opportunities for historic preservation. Adams County pledges to uplift, support, and generate commemorative opportunities.

*In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed May 21, 2024.*