

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, in 2026, the United States of America commemorates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, a defining moment in the founding of our nation and in the advancement of liberty, self-governance, and the responsibilities of citizenship; and

**WHEREAS**, this historic milestone, known as the Semiquincentennial, offers an opportunity for Americans to reflect on our nation's history, honor the sacrifices made to secure our freedoms, and celebrate the enduring ideals that continue to guide our republic; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Boerne, Texas, with its rich heritage, strong sense of community, and enduring civic spirit, reflects many of the values that have shaped the American experience; and

**WHEREAS**, Boerne's story, from its early settlement by German immigrants to its continued growth as an exemplary Hill Country community, reflects a tradition of perseverance, faith, hard work, and devotion to place; and

**WHEREAS**, treasured community landmarks and gathering places, including Main Street, Veterans Plaza, and Cibolo Creek, serve as enduring symbols of Boerne's history, character, and shared identity; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Boerne's values of excellence, integrity, respect, service, and collaboration reflect the kind of civic character that strengthens communities and honors the enduring ideals upon which our nation was founded; and

**WHEREAS**, the America 250 observance provides an occasion for the residents of Boerne to participate in educational, cultural, historic, and civic activities that deepen appreciation for our nation's past while inspiring renewed commitment to the future of our community and country; and

**WHEREAS**, the 250th anniversary of our nation provides a meaningful opportunity for residents to honor America's founding not only through celebration and remembrance, but also through volunteer service, acts of generosity, and renewed commitment to the well-being of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Boerne encourages families, churches, schools, businesses, veterans' organizations, civic groups, nonprofits, and neighborhood organizations to participate in this observance through acts of volunteerism and service that reflect the enduring American spirit of community, sacrifice, and shared responsibility.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Boerne, Texas, do hereby recognize and celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America, and encourage all residents to commemorate this historic milestone through reflection, celebration, volunteer service, and civic participation that strengthen both our community and our country.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Boerne, Texas, to be affixed this 9th day of June 2026.

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Frank Ritchie, Mayor  
City of Boerne, Texas