

RESOLUTION NO. R-25-66

A RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY AND THE CLAY COUNTY 250 CITIZEN CHALLENGE.

WHEREAS, July 4, 2026, marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, this milestone invites every community to renew our nation's ideals through learning, service, and civic participation; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer group, Clay County 250, is leading local efforts to commemorate this anniversary through meaningful and memorable programs; and

WHEREAS, one of those programs, the Clay County 250 Citizen Challenge encourages citizens of all ages, students and adults alike, to read the founding documents, serve others, attend public meetings, and directly communicate with civic leaders; and

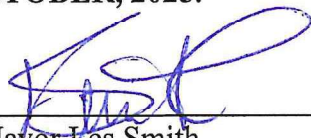
WHEREAS, these activities strengthen civic engagement and align with Gladstone's values of service, education, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2025, the 250 Citizen Challenge Coin presentations will occur during Gladstone City Council meetings, beginning exactly 250 days before America's 250th birthday, symbolizing our city's leadership in honoring this historic occasion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the City Council of Gladstone, Missouri proudly supports the 250th Commemoration of the United States and endorses the Clay County 250 Citizen Challenge as a meaningful, nonpartisan way for all of our residents, young and old, to celebrate America's legacy through active citizenship.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, THIS 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025.



Mayor Les Smith

ATTEST:



Kris Keller, City Clerk



Request for Council Action

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Date: 10/23/2025

Department: General Administration

Meeting Date Requested: 10/27/2025

Public Hearing: Yes ☐ Date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

Subject: City of Gladstone support of the celebration of America's 250th Anniversary in 2026 and the Clay County 250 Citizen Challenge.

Background: On September 17, 2025, Constitution Day, Clay County 250 proudly announced the launch of the Clay County 250 Citizen Challenge, a groundbreaking civic engagement program designed to inspire citizens of all ages to practice democracy in everyday life. This innovative program recognizes participants for completing meaningful civic tasks as well as the chance to earn points toward certificates, commemorative challenge coins, and public honors. The Clay County 250 Citizen Challenge is the first program of its kind in the nation, connecting the upcoming 250th anniversary of the United States with the lived experience of active citizenship today. The Challenge includes simple yet powerful tasks: reading the Declaration of Independence and Constitution, writing letters to public officials, attending civic meetings, thanking public servants, and serving the community. Each task completed earns participants points, which lead to recognition and the presentation of challenge coins. The program has been developed in close partnership with local schools. Teachers across Clay County are already preparing to enroll their classrooms.

Budget Discussion: Funds are budgeted in the amount of \$0 from the N/A Fund. Ongoing costs are estimated to be \$0 annually.

Public/Board/Staff Input: Staff recommends approval of the proposed Resolution.

Provide Original Contracts, Leases, Agreements, etc. to: City Clerk and Vendor.

Bob Baer
Department Director/Administrator

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City Attorney

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City Manager