



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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RESOLUTION

R51 - 2026

Introduced by the Administration on April 1, 2026

A Resolution of the City of Allentown, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supporting the Pennsylvania commission for the United States semi-quincentennial (AMERICA250PA).

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania legislature and the 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 in the nation's past, present and future; and

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

WHEREAS, by adoption of AMERICA250PA's four pillars of EPIC, we hope to educate, preserve, innovate, and celebrate.

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

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

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from?

Parks and Recreation, Mayor's office

- Summary and facts of the bill.

This resolution is a requirement of America250PA to gain status as a municipal partner. Many of our neighboring municipalities including Hanover Township, North Whitehall Township, and Lehigh County have already joined the state program in partnership.

America250PA was established by the legislature and Governor in 2018 to plan, encourage, and develop the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. Allentown plays an integral part in this historical celebration and the City has begun programming events as part of this.

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

There is no financial impact to join this partnership.

- Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?

There are no deadlines. This partnership will continue on throughout the year. The main celebrations across the United States will be on July 4, 2026.