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FAYETTE COUNTY INVITES COMMUNITY TO JOIN PUBLIC READING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Uniontown, PA – As part of Fayette County's America250 commemoration, residents are invited to gather on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., on the steps of the Historic Fayette County Courthouse for a community reading of the Declaration of Independence.

The public reading is one of countless events taking place across the nation as Americans commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. While the Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776, it was first shared with the public through community readings held in the days and weeks that followed. On July 8, 1776, citizens gathered in Philadelphia to hear the Declaration read aloud for the first time, marking the beginning of a tradition that united communities around the ideals of liberty, self-government, and independence.

Nearly 250 years later, Fayette County will continue that tradition by bringing together local elected officials, representatives of local historical societies, veterans, and community members to read the Declaration aloud, allowing today's generation to experience the document much as the first Americans did nearly two and a half centuries ago.

The reading is part of Journey to Independence: From Revolution to Resilience, Fayette County's official America250 celebration. Throughout the past year, schools, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and volunteers have joined together to commemorate our nation's founding, while celebrating the people, places, and stories that have shaped Fayette County for generations.

The Declaration of Independence was never intended to remain confined to the pages of history. It was written to be proclaimed publicly, to inspire, challenge, and unite people with a shared vision for the future. By gathering once again to hear its words spoken aloud, Fayette County honors not only the courage of those who declared a new nation in 1776, but also the generations of Americans who have worked to preserve and strengthen the freedoms we enjoy today.

As America marks its 250th anniversary, this community reading offers an opportunity for residents of all ages to reflect on our shared history, celebrate our enduring values, and recognize that the story of our nation continues to be written by each generation.

The event is free and open to the public. Following the reading, attendees are invited to stay and enjoy classic All-American refreshments, including hot dogs and apple pie cupcakes. Refreshments will be available for the first 250 attendees, a nod to America's 250th anniversary.

Event Details

Community Reading of the Declaration of Independence

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

3:00 p.m.

Historic Fayette County Courthouse Steps

61 East Main Street

Uniontown, PA

Residents, families, veterans, civic organizations, and visitors are encouraged to attend this meaningful observance as Fayette County joins communities across the nation in celebrating America's 250th birthday and reaffirming the ideals that continue to unite us.

For more information about Fayette County's America250 celebration and upcoming commemorative events, please contact the Fayette Chamber of Commerce at (724) 437-4571 or visit the Fayette County 250th Facebook page.

To learn more about Fayette County, visit www.fayettecountypa.org.

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