



May 2024

America250 is working to make the commemoration of America's 250th anniversary the most inclusive celebration in history.

This is a monumental task, and as the only nonpartisan organization charged by Congress to lead the commemoration with the backing of all three branches of the federal government and its independent agencies, America250 is grateful for the participation in this great effort by organizations like the National Flag Foundation.

America250 congratulates the National Flag Foundation for its Light to Unite campaign. This vital effort will surely play an important role in a memorable anniversary celebration from sea to shining sea.

America250 looks forward to working in concert with the National Flag Foundation during this anniversary effort to reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and build the future we want for the next generation and beyond.

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Rosie Rios
Chair
U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission
America250



Dear Alicia,

Congratulations!

Today, I write to inform the National Flag Foundation that America250PA has designated National Light to Unite as an America250PA Officially Recognized Event.

In July 2026, America will commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the United States.

In turn, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through bi-partisan efforts of the legislature and Governor, created the America250PA Commission – consisting of academic, business, and community leaders from across Pennsylvania. The duty of the Commission is to engage every Pennsylvanian to come together to celebrate the rich history of our fine Commonwealth, leading up to 2026, while also shaping our future. The Commission is tasked with positioning the initiative to create the future economy of Pennsylvania, leveraging the innovative spirit for which we are known. The America250PA initiative provides the Commission with the opportunity not only to shape the economic future of our Commonwealth but elevate Pennsylvania to a truly innovative leader and model for the rest of our country.

America250PA is proud of the solid foundation that has been built, statewide, since inception in 2018 and awareness through an Event like yours will help the Commission's ability to communicate its vision, engage various audiences, and encourage inclusive and cohesive participation which will be critical to a successful America250PA. The visionary framework – especially the themes to educate, preserve, innovate, and after years of hard work, celebrate those accomplishments - contains the essential messaging to bring the Semiquincentennial to life.

A goal of this magnitude requires the right programs, projects, events and partners at the table. We are honored to recognize National Light to Unite as an official part of our Semiquincentennial celebration here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Together, we can engage #EveryPennsylvanian in #EveryCounty to promote America250PA and create impactful opportunities across Pennsylvania.

As an Officially Recognized Event, your contact at America250PA will be:

Event Coordinator Danielle DiMarco

Danielle@America250PA.org

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Please feel free to work with Dani to keep our team updated on your work and events and reach out at any time with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Cassandra Coleman'.

Cassandra Coleman
Executive Director, America250PA



February 10, 2025

Chairman Romel,

On behalf of the Arizona America250 Commission, it is my honor to extend our endorsement for The National Flag Foundation's *Light to Unite* initiative, scheduled for July 4, 2026. This endeavor will see cities across the country lit in red, white, blue, and purple to mark the Semiquincentennial.

As we approach the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding, initiatives like *Light for Unite* serve to embody the spirit of unity, reflection, and celebration that this historic milestone represents.

The National Flag Foundation's mission to demonstrate appreciation and understanding of our nation's greatest symbol aligns perfectly with the goals of the Arizona America250 Commission. Our vision for the Semiquincentennial will see our state illuminate Arizona's untamed spirit of independence and serve as a cornerstone for a statewide commemoration that uplifts the voices of all Arizonans, drives innovation, preserves history, and forges lasting connections. Together, we will tell our state and our country's story.

We are proud to support *Light to Unite* and look forward to collaborating on events and programs that will bring communities closer together.

Sincerely,

Laura Terech

Laura Terech
Executive Director
Arizona America250 Commission



Celebrating 250 Years of American Independence

October 2024

National Flag Foundation
436 Seventh Ave., Suite 2200
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear friends at the National Flag Foundation:

We are writing to express our support and endorsement of the "LIGHT TO UNITE" national initiative you are leading across the United States on July 4, 2026. We also thank you for your work to educate Americans about the United States Flag and to honor those who serve to protect it.

The America 250-Ohio Commission (aka the Ohio Commission for the U.S. Semiquincentennial) was formed in 2022 to lead Ohio's participation in the nation's 250th anniversary in 2026. We are pleased to join you, the national America250 Commission, the American Legion, the National Sheriffs' Association and so many others in the "LIGHT TO UNITE" national event to encourage Americans to fly an American flag on July 4, 2026, and to encourage as many organizations as possible to light buildings red, white and blue that same evening.

This national undertaking is just what the United States needs to help unify Americans and remind all of us that we have so much more that unites us than what divides us. We thank you for spearheading this initiative and we are glad to lend our support to it. Please feel free to share this letter of endorsement with other organizations if you feel it can help encourage more organizations to participate in this once-in-a-generation event to build unity and common friendships across the country.

Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Coleman, Co-Chairman

Douglas J. Preisse, Co-Chairman

Todd Kleismit, Executive Director

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Gregg M. Amore, *Secretary of State*

The National Flag Foundation
Koppers Building
436 Seventh Avenue, Suite 2200
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Chairman Romel,

On behalf of the Rhode Island 250 Commission, I am pleased to express our full support for the *Light To Unite* initiative, scheduled for July 4, 2026, in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of our nation. As we prepare to honor the rich history and achievements of Rhode Island and the United States, the Commission recognizes the importance of fostering national unity through this initiative.

As the birthplace of American independence, Rhode Island holds a special place in our nation's history, and we are honored to join cities and communities across the country in lighting our landmarks in red, white, and blue on the evening of July 4, 2026. We believe that *Light To Unite* will not only celebrate our past but also help bring our communities together. We are eager to see our state join the national effort to honor the American flag, the sacrifices of our veterans, and the legacy of those who have shaped this nation.

The Rhode Island 250 Commission looks forward to supporting and participating in *Light To Unite* as part of our state's official commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States.

Thank you for your leadership in organizing this meaningful event. We stand with you and the National Flag Foundation as we honor our nation's past, present, and future.

Sincerely,

Gregg M. Amore
Secretary of State



American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

National Headquarters
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Organized 4 June 1928
Incorporated 5 January 1929
Chartered by Congress 12 June 1984
Founded by Grace Darling Seibold

February 9, 2024

National Flag Foundation
c/o Romel L. Nicholas, Chairman
Koppers Building
436 Seventh Avenue
Suite 2200
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

In Re: National Flag Foundation – 250th Anniversary of America
("Light to Unite" Initiative – July 4, 2026)

Dear Mr. Nicholas:

American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., commends the National Flag Foundation for your efforts in regards to the July 4, 2026, "Light to Unite" initiative. American Gold Star Mothers has previously supported NFF's efforts, and this appears to be another great initiative.

Best of luck in the program!

Sincerely,

Pamela Stemple
National President

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July 15, 2024

Romel L. Nicholas, Esq. Chairman
Board of Directors National Flag Foundation
c/o: Gaitens, Tucceri & Nicholas, P.C.
519 Court Place
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Dear Mr. Nicholas,

On behalf of over 1.4 million members of The American Legion, I am pleased to express our support for the National Light to Unite effort for July 4, 2026 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the declaration of independence. The Light to Unite effort should promote a day of unity in our country.

The American Legion has long supported efforts to ensure the proper recognition of our nation's veterans and servicemembers. The preamble of our Charter states our commitment "To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars." We appreciate your efforts in this great initiative.

For God and Country,

Daniel J. Seehafer
National Commander
The American Legion



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Romel L. Nicholas, Esq. Chairman
National Flag Foundation Board of Directors
519 Court Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

January 31, 2025

Dear Chairman Nicholas,

On behalf of AMVETS National Headquarters, it is my pleasure to express our organization's strong support for the National Light to Unite in 2026 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of our nation.

The Light to Unite effort will captivate this great nation and promote unity from sea to shiny sea. AMVETS fondly looks forward to supporting in every way we can.

AMVETS, which is short for American Veterans, represents the interests of all 16 million American Veterans living today, and has done so for the past 80 years. We have long worked to build unity while honoring the stars and stripes and all our glorious flag represents. We are veterans serving veterans since 1944.

Yours in Service,

AMVETS National Executive Director
Joseph R. Chenelly



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June 17, 2024

Mr. Romel L. Nicholas, Chairman
National Flag Foundation
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Dear Mr. Nicholas,

Please extend our gratitude and recognition to your colleagues at the National Flag Foundation for your efforts to honor our nation's highest patriotic ideals and bring awareness to the service and sacrifices of our nation's military members and veterans through the Light to Unite campaign.

As you well know, our country's birth was made possible by the brave Americans who were willing to sacrifice their very lives to create a nation that embodied the freedoms and liberties we continue to enjoy. As we look to mark 250 years since that birth, your effort to rally American cities in our shared values and patriotism is to be commended.

We hope this effort will, to the greatest extent possible, remind our fellow Americans of the issues on which we should all agree. Ours is an organization comprised entirely of veterans and family members who have been forever changed defending our greatest ideals. As such, we offer special gratitude for your efforts to honor service and unite our citizenry in a positive and inspiring way.

Sincerely,

Barry A. Jesinoski
National Adjutant/CEO

DCrt



Military Order of the Purple Heart

"Combat-Wounded"

Chartered by Congress

27 February 2024

To the Honorable Members of the National Flag Foundation,

We are honored to fully support and endorse the National Light to Unite effort for July 4th, 2026 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation's official declaration of independence! The recent Light to Unite effort for the Purple Heart was incredible, we have no doubt this will be just as amazing, and we are honored and proud to support this effort, and the National Flag Foundation mission.

Yours in Patriotism,

Ralph Carder Ferguson

**Ralph Carder Ferguson
National Commander**

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National Flag Foundation
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Dear friends at the National Flag Foundation:

On behalf of Teamsters Joint Council No. 40, we are writing you in support and to endorse the National Light to Unite effort for July 4, 2026 in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

It gives us great honor to give this endorsement. Thank you again for all you do.

Sincerely,

Carl A. Bailey
Carl A. Bailey, President
Teamsters Joint Council No. 40

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David McCall
International President

July 2, 2024

Romel L. Nicholas, Chairman
National Flag Foundation
436 Seventh Avenue, Suite 2200
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Romel,

The United Steelworkers (USW) is honored to support and endorse the National Light to Unite effort for July 4th, 2026 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation's official declaration of independence!

The Light to Unite initiative is a powerful way to honor our country on its 250th birthday and to promote a day of national unity. The 2022 Light to Unite effort for honoring Purple Heart recipients was incredible, we have no doubt this will be just as amazing, and we are honored and proud to support this effort.

Sincerely,

David McCall
International President

cc: Chris Youngmark



August 22, 2024

Mr. Romel L. Nicholas, Chairman
National Flag Foundation
519 Court Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Congratulations on the success and continued momentum The National Flag Foundation's "LIGHT TO UNITE" event is experiencing. This effort to unite Americans reflects the highest ideals of our great country and serves to honor the sacrifices of America's veterans in a unique and meaningful way.

On behalf of the 1.4 million members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary, I thank you for your ongoing commitment to our great nation and for recognizing the many who have — and continue to — protect the freedoms we as Americans enjoy under the red, white and blue.

We are proud to support The National Flag Foundation's efforts and look forward to commemorating America's 250th Anniversary alongside you.

For Veterans,

Alfred J. "Al" Lipphardt
Commander-in-Chief
Veterans of Foreign Wars

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10 April 2024

Romel L. Nicholas, Esq.
Chairman
National Flag Foundation
436 Seventh Avenue, Suite 2200
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Dear Mr. Nicholas,

On behalf of the Vietnam Veterans of America, I am honored to extend our full support for the National Flag Foundation's "Light to Unite" campaign, which will celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary on July 4, 2026. This initiative offers a powerful opportunity to bring communities across America together in unity, honoring the shared values and sacrifices that have shaped our country.

The National Flag Foundation's mission to honor those who serve and protect our nation's most enduring symbol, the flag of the United States, resonates deeply with VVA. Our organization has long been dedicated to preserving the memories of those who have served in uniform, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. We recognize that the "Light to Unite" campaign is not only a celebration of our country's founding but also a tribute to the service members who have safeguarded our freedoms for the past 250 years.

We are especially encouraged by the initiative's call to light up buildings across the country in red, white, and blue—a gesture that symbolizes the unity and strength that veterans, such as those in our own ranks, have fought to uphold. This campaign will undoubtedly inspire Americans to reflect on our nation's history and foster a renewed sense of patriotism.

VVA is proud to support this effort and will work alongside the National Flag Foundation to promote and encourage participation in this remarkable event. The "Light to Unite" campaign is a fitting tribute to both our past and future, and we look forward to working together to ensure its success.

Sincerely,

Jack McManus
President
Vietnam Veterans of America

MOTION OF THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Expressing the full support of Council for the National Flag Foundation's Light to Unite national day of unity on July 4, 2026.

WHEREAS, on July 4, 2026, the National Flag Foundation (NFF) is planning to commemorate the 250th anniversary of our country with the "Light to Unite" national day of unity; and

WHEREAS, the NFF is a non-profit, non-political foundation with its home location in Pittsburgh, and is dedicated to education about the American Flag and honoring those who have served to support our country and its national symbol; and

WHEREAS, as part of this commemorative event, NFF is asking that all American cities display red, white, and blue lighting patterns in a display of unity; and

WHEREAS, NFF already has commitments to participate and/or expressions of support for the endeavor from major buildings across the nation, as well as the Pennsylvania 250th Committee, the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission (America 250), the City of Pittsburgh, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., Disabled American Veterans, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and others; and

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of Council that NFF's Light to Unite initiative is a worthy means of commemorating this significant anniversary;

The Council of the County of Allegheny therefore hereby moves as follows:

That Allegheny County Council hereby fully supports the National Flag Foundation's Light to Unite national day of unity initiative.

PRIMARY SPONSOR: PRESIDENT CATENA

CO-SPONSORS:

Read and approved in Council, this 9th *day of* July, 2024,

Council Agenda No. 13127-24



Patrick Catena
President of Council

Attest: 

Jared E. Barker, Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council

Allegheny County Labor Council

Allegheny, Fayette County and Pittsburgh, PA AFL-CIO

Darrin Kelly, President
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National Flag Foundation
c/o Romel Nicholas, Chairman
Koppers Building
436 Seventh Avenue #2200
Pittsburgh PA 15219

Dear Mr. Nicholas,

On behalf of over 100,000 working men and women of the Allegheny Fayette County Labor Council, I would like to express our support for the National Light to Unite Program.

We are pleased that through your efforts Americans can be educated about the U.S. flag and show support for the many men and women who have served to protect it. Our veterans deserve that recognition.

The ACLC joins with you to encourage all Pennsylvanians to fly the American flag on July 4, 2026, for the 250th Anniversary. Our goal is to promote a day of unity that is much needed in our country today.

Please keep us updated and let us know how we can help in the future.

In Solidarity,

Darrin Kelly, President
Allegheny County Labor Council





Dear Chairman Nicholas:

06/18/2024

With pleasure our company recently learned of the National Flag Foundation's "Light To Unite" initiative and the rapidly growing local and national support your foundation is receiving for this very meaningful Country-wide endeavor.

Annin has enjoyed a valued business relationship with the NFF for almost a half century. During that time, we have developed a deep appreciation for the mission and accomplishments of the NFF and have been proud to have been a part of your foundation's accomplishments for decades.

All three aspects of the "Light To Unite" initiative are admirable goals, and ones our company do fully endorse! Annin Flagmakers, the world's oldest and largest flag manufacturer, has been producing US flags here in the USA since 1847 and would welcome supporting your efforts. We stand ready to provide US Flags, through our nationwide resellers, to all entities needing them as participants in your remarkable plan.

We will be reaching out to you with more specific ideas as to how we can help.

Respectfully,

Robert R Caggiano

Robert R. Caggiano

VP of Sales

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CITY OF PITTSBURGH
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR ED GAINEY

5/19/2024

Romel L. Nicholas, Chairman
National Flag Foundation
436 Seventh Avenue, Suite 2200
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Chairman Nicholas,

The City of Pittsburgh, in its long-standing partnership with the National Flag Foundation (NFF), has recognized the NFF as a shared asset to Pittsburgh, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our Country. We continue to stand together to support the NFF's worthy non-political mission: 'To Educate Concerning the American Flag and to Honor Those Who Serve to Protect It.'

The NFF's 'Light to Unite' initiative, a recent endeavor, is a call to action for cities across America to unite in a symbolic gesture. We are asked to light our buildings (to the extent possible) red, white, and blue on the evening of July 4, 2026. This initiative is a powerful way to honor our Country on its 250th birthday and to promote a day of national unity in these historically divisive times.

The City of Pittsburgh has a longstanding reputation as one of our Country's most prominent historical melting pots, and Pennsylvania is the Country's "Keystone State." Therefore, we see it fitting to endorse the NFF's "Light to Unite" initiative and fully support this significant undertaking.

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ed Gaaney", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ed Gaaney, Mayor
City of Pittsburgh
Pronouns: He/Him/His



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December 11, 2024

Romel L. Nicholas, Chairman
National Flag Foundation
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Re: National Light to Unite

Dear Chairman Nicholas,

The Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters is proud to support and endorse the *National Light to Unite* initiative for July 4, 2026, in celebration of the 250th anniversary of our nation's Declaration of Independence.

The *Light to Unite* campaign is a powerful way to honor our country on its 250th birthday and promote a day of national unity.

We thank you for your unwavering dedication to our great nation and for honoring those who have defended-and continue to defend-the freedoms we cherish as Americans.

Sincerely,

William C. Sproule
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

WCS: msl



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION
SUPPORTS THE
NATIONAL FLAG FOUNDATION'S
LIGHT TO UNITE INITIATIVE
EC Resolution 2024-01**

WHEREAS, the National Flag Foundation was founded to honor and respect our nation's greatest symbol, the flag of the United States of America, and;

WHEREAS, the National Flag Foundation's non-political mission is to educate concerning the American flag and to honor those who serve to protect it, and;

WHEREAS, in 2026, America will commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the United States, and;

WHEREAS, the National Flag Foundation's *Light to Unite* initiative is a call to action for cities and towns across America to unite in a symbolic gesture of lighting our buildings red, white, and blue on the evening of July 4, 2026, and;

WHEREAS, the *Light to Unite* initiative is a powerful way to honor our country on its 250th birthday and to promote a day of national unity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of the National Sheriffs' Association supports the National Flag Foundation's *Light to Unite* initiative on July 4, 2026 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation's official declaration of independence.

This Resolution was proposed and adopted by the Executive Committee of the National Sheriffs' Association on June 22, 2024, at the 2024 Annual Conference of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The Resolution shall become effective at the end of the 2024 NSA Annual Conference on June 27, 2024. It shall expire four (4) years after the date of its enactment.



June 25, 2024

Romel L. Nicholas, Chairman
National Flag Foundation
436 Seventh Avenue, Suite 2200
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Scouting America salutes the National Flag Foundation for its "Light to Unite" campaign in celebration of our country's 250th anniversary. This initiative presents a unique and meaningful opportunity for our communities to come together in a vibrant display of unity and honor.

The National Flag Foundations' "Light to Unite" flag campaign is a powerful reminder of our shared history and collective achievements over the past 250 years. By encouraging every household and business to display the flag, we can create a visual tapestry that reflects our unity, diversity, and the enduring spirit of our country.

Additionally, "Light to Unite" aligns perfectly with our values of duty to community and country. "Light to Unite" will foster a sense of belonging among residents, reminding us of the importance of solidarity. The campaign will undoubtedly inspire both current and future generations to appreciate the rich heritage and vibrant future of our country.

Scouting America endorses the "Light to Unite" flag campaign and we will urge all members of our Scouting community to celebrate by honoring and displaying the stars and stripes.

Yours in Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Krone", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end.

Roger Krone
President & Chief Scout Executive
Scouting America



SOLDIERS & SAILORS

MEMORIAL HALL & MUSEUM TRUST, INC.

October 4, 2024

National Flag Foundation
Romel L. Nicholas, Chairman
Koppers Building
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Suite 2200
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Dear Mr. Nicholas,

I am writing on behalf of Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum Trust, Inc. to show enthusiastic support for the National Flag Foundation's efforts regarding the July 4, 2026, "Light to Unite" initiative. Soldiers & Sailors will also be proud to participate in this initiative by lighting our building red, white and blue on that evening.

Soldiers & Sailor's mission is to preserve a lasting tribute to those men and women from Pennsylvania who unselfishly gave of themselves in serving their country. Through educational programs, museum exhibits and veteran service programs, we share and promote the significance of the facility with the community as a living memorial, an educational asset and cultural treasure.

We are excited to be a part of this nationwide initiative to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation's official declaration of independence.

Sincerely,

Tim Neff
Senior Vice President/Director of Museum & Education
Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum Trust, Inc.

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