

## TOWN OF WINDHAM, MAINE

### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY AND HONORING WINDHAM'S VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS, AND HISTORICAL HERITAGE

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, a milestone that invites reflection upon the nation's enduring commitment to liberty, democratic governance, and shared civic ideals;

WHEREAS, the Town of Windham proudly honors the service, dedication, and sacrifices of all Windham Veterans and of the men and women currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, whose courage has safeguarded the freedoms celebrated in this historic anniversary year;

WHEREAS, the Town further recognizes the invaluable contributions of the Windham Historical Society, whose ongoing work preserves the stories, artifacts, and collective memory that illuminate Windham's role in American history and enrich the community's understanding of its cultural heritage;

WHEREAS, the Town of Windham remains committed to encouraging civic participation, remembrance, and community celebration, especially during this significant national commemoration;

WHEREAS, Memorial Day provides a meaningful opportunity to honor those who gave their lives in service to the nation, and Windham residents are encouraged to gather in remembrance and gratitude during the Memorial Day Commemorations on May 25, 2026;

WHEREAS, Windham's annual Summerfest serves as a cherished community tradition that brings neighbors together in celebration, and the 2026 theme—'Celebrating Sun, Stars & Stripes'—offers a festive and unifying tribute to America's 250th Anniversary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Windham Town Council that the Town of Windham formally commemorates the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America, honors the courage and sacrifice of Windham's Veterans and active-duty Service Members, and expresses deep appreciation for the ongoing efforts of the Windham Historical Society in preserving the town's history;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Windham Town Council invites and encourages all Windham residents to participate in the Memorial Day Commemorations on May 25, 2026, and to join together at Windham Summerfest on June 20, 2026, in celebration of community, history, and national heritage;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered into the official record of the Town of Windham and shared publicly in recognition of this significant moment in our nation's and our town's history.