

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CHEYENNE AMERICA 250 COMMISSION AS THE  
OFFICIAL LARAMIE COUNTY AMERICA 250 COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, the year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a historic milestone in the founding of the United States of America, and an opportunity to reflect on the ideals of liberty, equality, and self-governance that continue to inspire our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the America 250 initiative is a nationwide commemoration of this historic anniversary, designed to inspire learning about the Founding, encourage gratitude for our shared American heritage, and celebrate the enduring principles of freedom and democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cheyenne America 250 Commission has been established to plan and execute programming and events in Cheyenne to honor this historic occasion, including educational initiatives, performing and visual arts, stakeholder engagement, and community-wide celebrations that will benefit all residents of Laramie County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cheyenne America 250 Commission has developed a robust slate of activities for 2026, including essay contests, concerts, patriotic plays, exhibitions at libraries and museums, a monumental bronze sculpture, a time capsule, and a three-day celebration over the Fourth of July weekend featuring a parade, fireworks, and an American heritage festival; and

**WHEREAS**, these events and programs are designed to embrace all stakeholder groups in Laramie County, including schools, veterans' organizations, Native American communities, charitable organizations, and residents of rural and urban areas alike, ensuring that the commemoration reflects the diversity and unity of the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the designation of the Cheyenne America 250 Commission as the official Laramie County America 250 Commission will enable the Commission to access critical funding from a state appropriation specifically allocated for America 250 initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cheyenne America 250 Commission is not requesting any financial support from Laramie County for its activities, as the funding will come entirely from state appropriations and ongoing private fundraising efforts, which are already underway to support the planned events; and

**WHEREAS**, the designation of the Cheyenne America 250 Commission as the Laramie County America 250 Commission carries no financial or administrative burden for Laramie County and will only serve to enhance the scope and impact of the celebrations for all residents of the county;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING:**

1. The Cheyenne America 250 Commission is hereby designated and appointed as the official Laramie County America 250 Commission.
2. The Commission is empowered to plan, organize, and execute programming and celebrations for the 250th anniversary of the United States of America on behalf of all residents of Laramie County.
3. The Commission is authorized to apply for and secure funding from the state appropriation for America 250 initiatives, as well as to continue its private fundraising efforts to support its activities.
4. The Laramie County Commissioners recognize the importance of the America 250 commemoration in fostering unity, patriotism, and a deeper understanding of the ideals upon which our nation was founded.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Laramie County Commissioners commend the Cheyenne America 250 Commission for its leadership and dedication to ensuring that this historic milestone is celebrated in a manner that honors the past, inspires the present, and leaves a lasting legacy for future generations.

**PRESENTED, READ AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2025.

**BOARD OF LARAMIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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Chairman, Laramie County Commissioners

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Date

ATTEST:

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Debra Lee, Laramie County Clerk

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Date

Approved as to form:

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Laramie County Attorney's Office

2-25-25  
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Date