

# PROCLAMATION



State of Florida  
Collier County  
City of Marco Island

## **CELEBRATING THE 250th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**WHEREAS**, on July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress and representatives of thirteen American colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, affirming the founding ideals of liberty, equality, self-governance, and individual rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the year 2026 marks the 250th Anniversary (Semiquincentennial) of the United States of America, recognizing two and a half centuries of progress, perseverance, democratic values, innovation, sacrifice, and civic achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, communities across the nation are joining in reflection and celebration of this historic milestone, honoring the generations of Americans who have contributed to shaping the nation's cultural, civic, scientific, military, and economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, this anniversary serves not only as a moment to commemorate the nation's history, but also to reaffirm our shared commitment to strengthening our community, fostering unity, preserving liberty, and supporting the continued growth and prosperity of both Marco Island and the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Marco Island proudly acknowledges the contributions of its residents, past and present, and joins communities throughout the nation in expressing gratitude for the freedoms and opportunities enjoyed by the American people while encouraging continued civic engagement and community stewardship for future generations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Marco Island, Florida, hereby recognizes and celebrates 2026 as a year of recognition and celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America, and encourages all residents, organizations, and visitors to join in honoring this significant milestone in our nation's history.

**DONE AND ORDERED THIS 15th day of June, 2026.**

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Darrin Palumbo, Chairman

**ATTEST**

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Joan Taylor, City Clerk