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Idaho's Journey, America's Legacy: Idaho Prepares to Commemorate the Nation's 250th Anniversary in 2026

Boise, ID — Today, on the 134th anniversary of Idaho Statehood, Gov. Brad Little and the Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS) announced the beginning of a new multi-agency initiative to commemorate the 250th anniversary of America's founding, known as America250 in Idaho.

America250 in Idaho

On July 4, 2026, Americans will celebrate and honor the 250th anniversary of the Second Continental Congress' signing of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of a more perfect Union. Idaho, along with dozens of other states and American territories, will commemorate this nationally significant milestone as part of a grand and unified effort known as America250.

ISHS will lead a task force comprised of key stakeholders in state government to execute the America250 in Idaho Commemoration from 2024 to 2027. Task force agencies include:

- Office of the Governor
- Idaho Secretary of State
- Idaho Commission on the Arts
- Idaho Commission for Libraries
- Idaho Department of Commerce
- Idaho Department of Education
- Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
- Idaho Public Television
- Idaho State Department of Agriculture

The America250 in Idaho Commemoration will advance several legacy projects and community engagement opportunities to highlight Idaho's rich history and contributions to the nation. Idaho's participation in the national America250 initiative reflects the state's commitment to honoring its past

and envisioning a vibrant future based on the ideals of liberty, equality, and justice. More information about America250 in Idaho, including legacy project details, is available at www.America250.idaho.gov.

Idaho Statehood

July 3 is Statehood Day in Idaho. Twenty-seven years after Abraham Lincoln signed the bill creating Idaho Territory, Idaho became the 43rd state in the Union. This year marks the 134th anniversary of President Benjamin Harrison's signing of Idaho's Admission Bill and the birth of the Gem State.

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America250 in Idaho is a multi-year commemoration of Idaho's role surrounding the nation's 250th anniversary in 2026. The Office of the Governor, the Idaho State Historical Society, and participating state agencies are leading an effort to commemorate this national milestone through agency projects that tie into A250 themes and legacy projects that will have a long-lasting impact on Idaho. For more information, visit America250.Idaho.Gov.