

RESOLUTION 2025-80

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR REVOLUTION-NJ AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BE CELEBRATED ACROSS THE NATION, THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF ISLAND HEIGHTS

WHEREAS, Governor Philip Murphy and the New Jersey State Legislature created RevolutionNJ in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, New Jersey's pivotal role in the American Revolution, and the contributions all of our citizens, past and present to the success of our Great Nation; and;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Historical Commission, with its non-profit partner Crossroads of the American Revolution established RevolutionNJ to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism, and scholarship in New Jersey; and;

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will engage New Jerseyans in all 21 counties and 564 municipalities through its officially recognized programs, initiatives, and events over the next ten years; and;

WHEREAS, it is fitting and desirable that we commemorate the beginning of the Nation and the role New Jersey played over the past 250 years as well as its present and future role as part of the United States, with particular focus on the individuals, ideas, and events that shaped our Country, New Jersey, Ocean County and Borough of Island Heights; and;

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will consider the role New Jersey played during the American Revolution when it saw more battles and skirmishes than any other state and was truly the Crossroads of the American Revolution; and;

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will highlight the role New Jerseyans played beyond the battlefield during the American Revolution when people of all backgrounds contributed to the development of the State and the Nation in various ways and fought for the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and;

WHEREAS, preserving, studying, and enjoying state history strengthens communities and builds bonds between New Jersey residents as we work together toward the goals of justice and equality of opportunity embedded in the United States Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Island Heights hereby endorses RevolutionNJ and its mission to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism and scholarship in New Jersey.

AND BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The Mayor and Council express and pledge their full support in the effort to engage all of the residents of Island Heights in Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Establishment of the United States of America as an independent Nation.
2. The Mayor and Council urges all of our residents to reflect upon the significance of this event and the role that our State and its people have played in the history and development of our Nation and to participate in this important commemoration, endeavoring to include the stories of all those whose lives are part of the history of what we now know as New Jersey, and understanding that the revolution continues today as we uphold the revolutionary ideals articulated in our founding documents.

3. The Mayor and Council hereby endorses Mayor Doyle's initiative to appoint an ad-hoc Committee to develop a plan for this commemoration that will promote the maximum involvement of our residents, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, civic organizations, and institutions in the commemorations. The America 250 Celebration Committee for the Borough of Island Heights shall be appointed under the authority of this Resolution as follows:

Council Member Lynn Pendleton – Chair

Sadra Healy – Vice Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

IH Police OIC Lt. Paul Rutledge

IH OEM Coordinator Doug Platt

IH DPW Director Jon Brodbeck

Deputy Clerk – Penny Hagan

IHVFC President Rober Wilber

IHVFC Chief Eric Johnson

IHVFAAS President Edward Brown

IHVFAAS Chief Gary Stocco

Peto Museum – Judy Leone

O.C. Artists Guild – William Pike

IHCHA – Patti Fusaro

IHCHA – Bill Dedek

IHGS – Lisa Royer

IH Library – Christine Maloney

IHMC – Rev. Karen Murray

IHEC – Susan Thompson

Ex-Officio

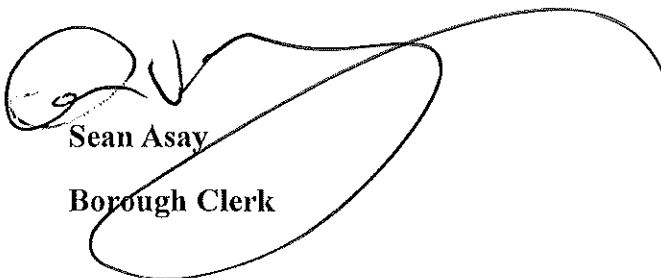
Mayor Doyle

Clerk – Sean Asay

4. The Mayor and the Committee Chair are hereby empowered to add such additional members to the committee as they deem appropriate and to conduct such meetings as deemed appropriate by the Chair at times and locations to be set by the Chair of the Committee.
5. The Mayor and Council hereby designates and empowers the Island Heights Cultural and Heritage Association to act as the lead organization for this celebration and to raise funds as necessary and to use the Wanamaker Complex for the celebration acting under the auspices of the Island Heights Recreation Committee with the Vice-Chair of the Recreation Committee (Penny Hagan) serving as a Member of this Committee.
6. The Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to appropriate and expend such public funds as shall be necessary for this celebration.

CERTIFICATION

I, Sean Asay, Borough Clerk, do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate representation of the Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council at their Regular Meeting conducted on May 27, 2025 in the Borough.



Sean Asay
Borough Clerk