

RESOLUTION #707

Resolution Recognizing the Semiquincentennial of the United States and the Washington Counties' National Collaboration

WHEREAS, July 4, 2026, marks the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a milestone in history that gave birth to the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, George Washington, Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army and the first President of the United States, exemplified the qualities of leadership, integrity, vision, and dedication to the principles of liberty and democracy; and

WHEREAS, his enduring legacy is honored by communities across the United States that bear his name, including thirty counties and one parish; and

WHEREAS, the year 2026 offers an opportunity to celebrate our nation's founding, reflect upon our shared values and renew our commitment to building a stronger and more united future for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, counties named for George Washington across the nation are joining together through the Washingtons Unite collaboration to commemorate the 250th Anniversary, share in common recognition of our namesake and contribute to the national celebration; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Washingtons Unite collaboration, counties named for George Washington are contributing individual quilt squares to a collectively assembled, handcrafted quilt that symbolizes local identity, shared history, and national unity in commemoration of the United States' Semiquincentennial; and

WHEREAS, this collaboration highlights the unique role of counties and cities as the level of government closest to the people and demonstrates the power of partnership in honoring our history and strengthening our democracy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the *Weiser City Council* in Washington County, Idaho hereby recognizes the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America, honors the legacy of George Washington, and expresses its support for the Washingtons Unite

initiative bringing together Washington Counties across the nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution shall be shared with the National Association of Counties, fellow Washington Counties and other partners engaged in the America250 celebration.

Adopted this 9th day of March, 2026.

Signed:

Herb Haun, Mayor

City of Weiser, Washington County

Natasha McDaniel, City Clerk