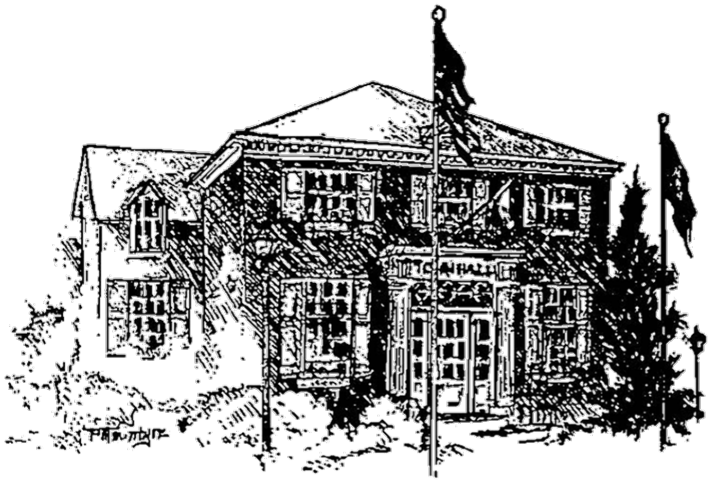


TOWN OF HERNDON, VIRGINIA
PROCLAMATION
COMMEMORATING
LIBERTY AMENDMENTS AND AMERICA 250
JULY 2026

In 2026, the United States marks the 250th anniversary of the nation's founding and reflects on the principles, rights, and civic responsibilities that have shaped America across generations. From the signing of the Declaration of Independence to ratifying the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights, the nation established a constitutional framework grounded in liberty, representative government, and civic participation, while later constitutional amendments continued the work of expanding those rights to more fully include all people.

The freedoms of speech, religion, press, and assembly; due process under law; equal protection; and the expansion of voting rights, remain central principles to the American experience. The Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution abolished slavery in the United States, while the Fourteenth Amendment established citizenship, due process, and equal protection under the law. The Fifteenth and Nineteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution further expanded civic participation by protecting voting rights and broadening access to representative government.

As the nation reflects on 250 years of history, the Town of Herndon encourages its residents to consider both the achievements and challenges that have shaped the United States, to recognize the continuing responsibility to uphold constitutional principles, participate in civic life, and consider how to contribute to a more equitable, informed, and connected community for future generations.

Therefore, the Mayor of the Town of Herndon, together with the Herndon Town Council, hereby recognizes July 2026 as a month to commemorate **America's 250th anniversary** and the lasting legacy and continuing impact of the **Liberty Amendments** on the expansion of rights, representation, and civic participation in the United States.