

**RESOLUTION NO. 7-1-2026**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF  
NEWTOWN, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, COMMEMORATING THE 250TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND REAFFIRMING  
THE BOROUGH'S COMMITMENT TO CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT, CIVIC  
ENGAGEMENT, AND THE PRINCIPLES OF SELF-GOVERNANCE**

**WHEREAS**, July 4, 2026 marks the 250th anniversary, or Semiquincentennial, of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the Declaration of Independence proclaimed the enduring principles that all people are created equal and are endowed with certain unalienable rights, and that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania established a framework of representative government, the rule of law, individual liberty, and democratic self-governance that has guided our Nation and Commonwealth for generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Newtown has a distinguished place in American history, having witnessed and contributed to the events surrounding the founding of our Nation during the Revolutionary era; and

**WHEREAS**, local government is the level of government closest to the people and serves an essential role in preserving public trust, safeguarding individual rights, fostering civic participation, and addressing community needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the elected and appointed officials of the Borough of Newtown swear an oath to support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to faithfully discharge the duties of their offices; and

**WHEREAS**, the Semiquincentennial provides an opportunity to reflect upon the vision, sacrifices, and aspirations of the Nation's founders and all those who have worked to strengthen and preserve our constitutional republic;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Newtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. Borough Council proudly commemorates the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America and recognizes the significance of this milestone in our Nation's history.
2. Borough Council reaffirms its commitment to the principles embodied in the United States Constitution and the Pennsylvania Constitution, including representative government, the rule of law, the protection of individual rights, equal justice under the law, and accountable public service.

3. Borough Council pledges to conduct the affairs of the Borough with integrity, transparency, civility, and respect for differing viewpoints, recognizing that constructive dialogue and public participation are essential to effective self-government.
4. Borough Council encourages all residents to participate in civic life, learn about the history of our Nation and community, and engage in the responsibilities of citizenship that sustain a free society.
5. Borough Council joins with communities across Pennsylvania and the Nation in honoring the legacy of those who established and preserved our constitutional system of government and recommits itself to serving future generations in accordance with those enduring principles.

**RESOLVED** this 1st day of July, 2026.

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN**



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President, Borough Council

**ATTEST**



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Borough Secretary