

City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Edward (Ed) Stern



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** on July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was adopted, establishing the foundation of a nation dedicated to the principles of liberty, equality, self-government, and the pursuit of happiness; and
- WHEREAS,** the year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, a historic milestone that provides an opportunity for reflection on our nation's history, achievements, challenges, and enduring democratic ideals; and
- WHEREAS,** for two and a half centuries, generations of Americans have worked to build and strengthen our communities, institutions, and freedoms through civic engagement, public service, innovation, and sacrifice; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Poulsbo recognizes the importance of honoring the diverse people, cultures, and perspectives that have contributed to the nation's story, including Indigenous peoples, immigrants, veterans, service members, civic leaders, and community members whose efforts have shaped our country and our community; and
- WHEREAS,** this anniversary offers an opportunity to educate future generations about the responsibilities of citizenship, the value of democratic participation, and the importance of preserving the freedoms and opportunities secured through the efforts of those who came before us; and
- WHEREAS,** communities throughout the nation are joining together in commemorative activities, educational programs, volunteer service, and celebrations that inspire civic pride and encourage engagement in the future of our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward Stern, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim 2026 as:

AMERICA 250 COMMEMORATION YEAR

In the City of Poulsbo and encourage all residents to participate in activities that celebrate our nation's history, honor the contributions of those who have helped shape it, and reaffirm our shared commitment to the principles of democracy, liberty, equality, and civic responsibility.



Dated this 10 day of June 2026


Edward R. Stern, Mayor