



# America 250 NC

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# Overview & Request

- America 250 and America 250 NC
- County Committee leadership and coordination
- Role of the County Committee
- Local partners and participants

**Request:** Approve a resolution officially establishing the America 250 NC Committee for Buncombe County





# Semiquincentennial

# Semi-Quin-Centennial



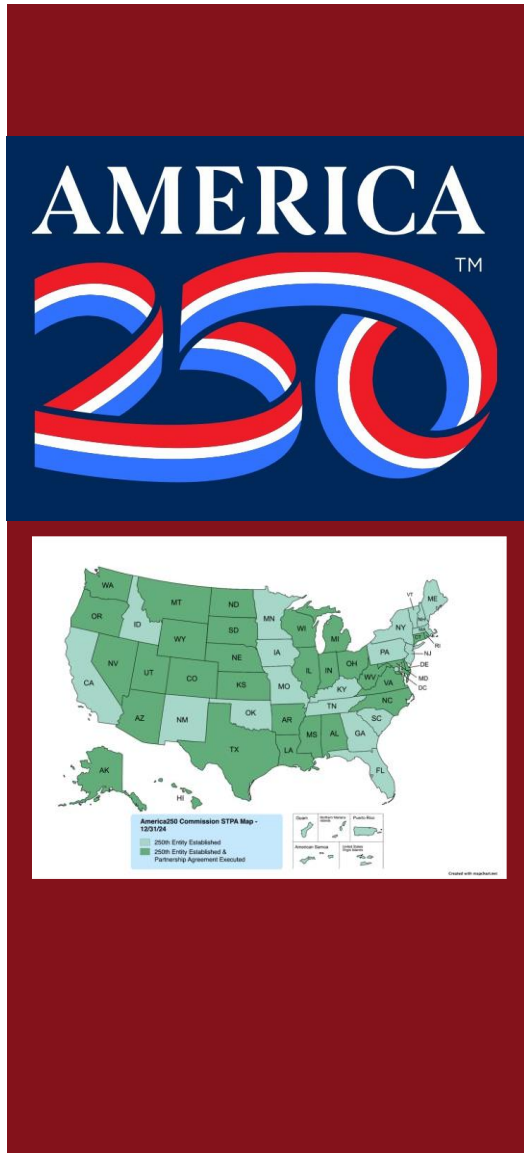
# America 250

*US Semiquincentennial Commission = Congressional Commission  
Overseeing the Commemoration of the Nation's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

America 250's mission is to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, marking America's Semiquincentennial.

We aim to inspire fellow Americans to reflect on our past, strengthen our love of country, and renew our commitment to the ideals of democracy through programs that educate, engage, and unite us as a nation.

America 250 will foster shared experiences that spark imagination, showcase the rich tapestry of our American stories, inspire service in our communities, honor the enduring strength, and celebrate the resilience of the United States of America.





# America 250 NC

America 250 NC is North Carolina's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of our state in the development of the United States. The North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources is the statewide entity charged by Governor Cooper with the leadership of the commemoration for North Carolina.

<https://www.america250.nc.gov>

### Convening:

- Website
- Calendar of Events
- County Committees
- Resources
  - Educators
  - Researchers
  - Families

### Grant Programs:

- Public art or mural with America 250 NC connection
- Waysides or Markers
- Local Exhibits
- Online Exhibits
- Research
- Educational Outreach



# 250<sup>th</sup> Planning

STACH pllc/Semiquin Planners

## Our Experience:

Five years with USSC Commission (A250)

Drafted Initial Framework (Fed, State, Local)

Created overarching NSP “Platforms”

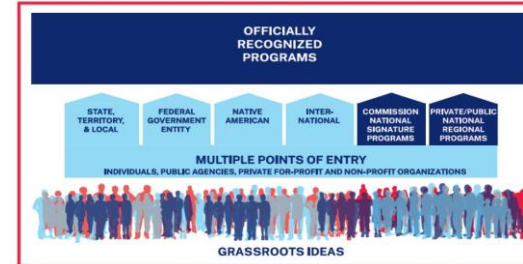
Pro Bono Support to Sites of Significance to Participate



James & Elizabeth Monroe's Oak Hill –  
Photo by Hugh Kenny



### PARTICIPATORY FRAMEWORK PATHWAYS



# Buncombe County

## A250 Committee



Organize  
Committee



Grant Submission  
Listening Sessions  
Across Buncombe  
County



Plan for  
2026 &  
Raise  
Awareness



Highlight  
Programs  
Existing & New



# Buncombe County

## A250 Committee

### **Leadership**

NC DNCR – America250 NC "Ex Officio State Involvement"

Glenn Stach - STACH pllc "Project Director"

Anne Chesky, Dir. - Friends of WNC Museum of Culture and History "Project Sponsor  
Fiscal Agent" Jason Hyatt, Dir. Buncombe County Libraries "County Liaison"

### **Committee Participation/Representation... Still Forming**

Buncombe County Public Libraries, Asheville & Buncombe County Historic Resource  
Commission, Presbyterian Heritage Center, Swannanoa Valley Museum,  
Asheville Chapter NS SAR, Ruth Davidson Chapter NSDAR, ...





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