

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRONDALE, ALABAMA, RECOGNIZING THE AMERICA250 INITIATIVE, ESTABLISHING THE IRONDALE AMERICA250 COMMITTEE, AND AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL CITY STATUS THROUGH THE STATE OF ALABAMA, USA SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMISSION (AMERICA250AL)

WHEREAS, the United States of America will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama USA Semiquincentennial Commission (“America250AL”) was established to support programs that celebrate Alabama’s unique history and role in the American story, with a mission to educate, engage, and unite Alabamians around the nation’s founding principles; and

WHEREAS, America250AL has established four guiding goals: (1) enriching awareness of the principles of the Declaration of Independence and constitutional self-government; (2) promoting events that enhance historic and civic knowledge; (3) educating students and the public on the breadth of American history and the contributions of all people who have inhabited Alabama; and (4) emphasizing the service and sacrifices of veterans of all generations; and

WHEREAS, America250AL has created a Community Digital Toolkit and Semiquincentennial City participation program, through which municipalities may apply for official Semiquincentennial City status and receive recognition, branding materials, and an official America 250 Alabama flag; and

WHEREAS, the City of Irondale desires to join this national and statewide celebration by fostering civic pride, honoring veterans, highlighting local heritage, and engaging residents in meaningful commemorative activities; and

WHEREAS, the America250AL Community Toolkit recommends that participating municipalities adopt a local resolution, establish a committee of eight to fifteen (8–15) diverse citizen volunteers, and coordinate with the Alabama Semiquincentennial Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determines that participation in the America250 initiative and the holding of associated public events will promote the public health, safety, education, and general welfare of the citizens of Irondale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Irondale, Alabama, in regular meeting duly assembled, a quorum being present, as follows:

Section 1. Recognition. The City of Irondale hereby officially recognizes the America250 initiative and reaffirms its commitment to the founding principles of liberty, self-government, and civic duty. The city further recognizes the Alabama USA Semiquincentennial Commission (America250AL) and its mission to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States’ Declaration of Independence.

Section 2. Committee Creation. The mayor is hereby authorized to establish the Irondale America250 Committee (“Committee”) as a temporary ad hoc committee of the City to plan, coordinate, and promote local commemorative activities in connection with the Semiquincentennial. The Committee shall be organized as follows:

(a) **Composition.** The Committee shall consist of not fewer than eight (8) nor more than fifteen (15) members appointed by the Mayor. Membership shall reflect the diversity of the Irondale community. It should include representatives from local government, schools and educators, historical organizations, veterans’ groups, chambers of commerce and business leaders, churches and faith-based groups, libraries and cultural institutions, tourism and parks/recreation departments, media and communications professionals, and youth or student leaders.

(b) **Officers and Roles.** The Mayor shall appoint, or the Committee shall elect from among its members, a Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, and Communications Contact.

(c) **Meetings.** The Committee shall meet at least monthly, or as frequently as necessary, to carry out its duties.

(d) **Scope and Mission.** The Committee shall plan and coordinate local commemorative activities, including, but not limited to, public celebrations, educational programs, veteran recognition events, heritage preservation projects, storytelling and oral history initiatives, community engagement forums, and legacy projects such as historical markers, time capsules, or commemorative murals.

(e) **Duration.** The Committee shall serve from the date of its establishment through December 31, 2026, at which time it shall present a final summary of activities to the Mayor and City Council. The Mayor may extend the term of the Committee by executive action if necessary to complete commemorative activities.

Section 3. Semiquincentennial City Commitments. In accordance with the America250AL Semiquincentennial City participation guidelines, the City of Irondale, through its elected officials, administration, and staff, commits to:

(a) Incorporate America’s heritage in all Semiquincentennial programs, public events, and legacy projects;

(b) Ensure that all Semiquincentennial programs, events, and projects are nonpartisan and inclusive; and

(c) Ensure that all Semiquincentennial programs, events, and projects educate, engage, and unite the community.

Section 4. Application for Semiquincentennial City Status. The City shall apply for official Semiquincentennial City status through the America250AL Community Toolkit at <https://america250al.org/become-a-semiquincentennial-city/>. The city is further authorized to register its local committee with the Alabama Semiquincentennial Commission, execute the America 250 Alabama Logo Use Agreement, and take all steps necessary to participate in the statewide celebration.

Section 5. Funding. Any costs associated with the implementation of this Resolution, including but not limited to Committee activities, commemorative events, and promotional materials, shall be funded from existing budgetary allocations. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as creating a financial obligation beyond current fiscal year appropriations without further Council action.

Section 6. Authorization. Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr., or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute the America 250 Alabama Logo Use Agreement, the Semiquincentennial City application, and any other documents, agreements, or instruments necessary to implement this Resolution and secure the City's participation in the America250 initiative.

Section 7. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision of this Resolution is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

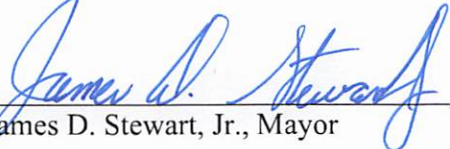
Section 8. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: This 17th day of February, 2026.



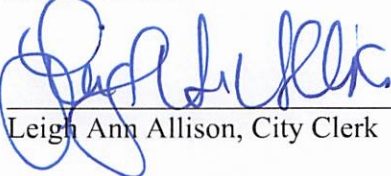
David Spivey, City Council President

APPROVED:



James D. Stewart, Jr., Mayor

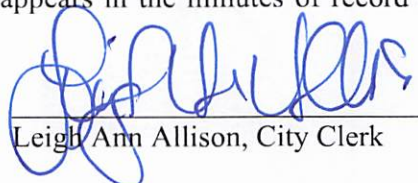
ATTESTED:



Leigh Ann Allison, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Leigh Ann Allison, the City Clerk of the City of Irondale, Alabama, hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Irondale at its regular meeting held on February 17, 2026, as the same appears in the minutes of record of said meeting.



Leigh Ann Allison, City Clerk