RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN AMERICA 250 CELEBRATIONS IN HONOR OF THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a milestone known as the *Semiquincentennial* and a moment to reflect on the founding principles of our nation—liberty, equality, and democracy; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress established the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission to plan and coordinate nationwide commemorations, and the State of Idaho has launched its own efforts through America250.Idaho.gov to engage citizens and communities in meaningful celebrations of our shared American story; and

WHEREAS, public education is a cornerstone of American democracy, providing every child with the opportunity to learn, grow, and contribute to society, and is itself one of the nation's greatest institutions; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's public schools play a vital role in fostering civic knowledge, pride, and engagement among young people, helping them understand their rights and responsibilities as citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the journey toward this historic milestone is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the America 250 celebration provides a timely and inspiring opportunity for Idaho schools to showcase student learning, build community partnerships, and engage in projects and events that honor the nation's history and future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees/Board of Directors of the [Name of School District/Charter School] encourages all schools in the district/charter to actively participate in the America 250 celebrations through educational programs, student-led initiatives, community events, and other meaningful activities aligned with Idaho's America 250 goals and resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Superintendent, in collaboration with building leaders and educators, to incorporate America 250-related themes into appropriate curriculum areas—such as history, civics, the arts, and English language arts—during the 2025–2026 school year, and to explore opportunities for students to engage in service, commemoration, and celebration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board encourages collaboration with local governments, historical societies, tribal nations, veterans' organizations, and community

groups to ensure that all students have the opportunity to contribute to and benefit from this once-in-a-generation celebration.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2025.

[Name], Chair
Board of Trustees/Board of Directors
[Name of School District/Charter]

ATTEST:

[Name], Clerk
Board of Trustees/Board of Directors
[Name of School District/Charter]