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Dear First Selectman Tanner,

On July 4, 2026, the United States of America will mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence! Last year, in anticipation of this event, Governor Lamont signed Executive Order 22-2 that created the [America 250 | CT Commission](#). Since then, the Commission has been hard at work creating a structure, developing goals and themes, and engaging our historical, cultural, and civics organizations.

Today, we are reaching out to invite Brooklyn to participate. In the spirit of participatory democracy, we are seeking to engage our residents at the local level. With this in mind, we are inviting cities and towns across the state to make meaning of this anniversary in their own way, with inspiration from the commission's [goals](#) and [themes](#). We encourage every municipality in the state to bring together a group of people with various perspectives—librarians, historians, economic development leaders, business owners, town clerks, commissioners on social justice, environmental, and/or DEI commissions, etc.—to work together and create commemorative activities that resonate in your community.

As your town comes together to plan this commemoration, we are looking for a contact who can serve as a liaison between the commission and your community. We plan to share information about themes, programs, funding opportunities, and promotional guidelines as we move forward. We also hope to receive feedback about what is needed from the commission to make this commemoration a success.

We have assembled any information you may need in one place on our [website](#). If you have further questions, please respond to this email.

We hope you will choose to be involved.

Sincerely,



Hon. Denise Merrill
Chair, America 250 | CT Commission
Former Secretary of the State

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Mancini'.

Jason Mancini, Ph.D.
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