



## **CITY OF MENIFEE**

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SUBJECT: Semiquincentennial Independence Celebration

MEETING DATE: May 3, 2023

TO: Mayor and City Council

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APPROVED BY: Armando G. Villa, City Manager

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. Discuss the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the 1776 United States Declaration of Independence that will take place on July 4, 2026.

### **DISCUSSION**

The United States Semiquincentennial, also called the Quarter Millennial, marks the 250th Anniversary of the 1776 United States Declaration of Independence and will take place on July 4, 2026.

The City of Menifee, in partnership with the Lake Menifee Women's Club, host the annual Independence Celebration which is traditionally held the Saturday prior to Independence Day on July 4. In keeping with tradition, the event will likely be held on Saturday, June 27, 2026, and will include the following elements:

- Community Parade
- Food and Craft Vendors
- Live Entertainment
- Kids Fun Zone
- Fireworks Display

With approximately three years to plan for the 2026 Independence Celebration, City staff can incorporate the 250th Anniversary of the 1776 United States Declaration of Independence into the theme of the Park After Dark Summer Program series leading up to the Independence Celebration event. Potential activities and elements can include:

- Art & Essay Contest
- Photo Opportunities
- Collectible Giveaways
- Historical/Informational Displays

These activities and elements can be added to enhance the existing event and highlight the national milestone celebrating 250 years of independence. City staff are open to additional suggestions for the 2026 Independence Celebration event.

**STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE**

Unique Identity

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Additional costs for event enhancements can potentially be offset by sponsorships and incorporated into the Community Services Department budget upon approval of the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget depending upon City Council discussion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None.