



**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF PLACERVILLE RECOGNIZING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF
UNITED STATES INDEPENDENCE**

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, setting in motion a grand experiment in self-government founded upon the unalienable rights of Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness; and

WHEREAS, July 4, 2026, marks the historic Semiquincentennial - the 250th anniversary of the United States - inviting all communities to reflect on our nation's rich history, the diverse individuals who built it, and our shared journey to form a more perfect Union; and

WHEREAS, the story of the City of Placerville is deeply intertwined with the story of American expansion and innovation, arising from the banks of Hangtown Creek following the 1848 discovery of gold, and evolving into a crucial engine of commerce that fueled the economic growth of a young, developing nation; and

WHEREAS, Placerville served as a vital link in the nation's westward expansion and unification, becoming an important transportation and commerce center for travelers, freight, and communications crossing the Sierra Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the City played a significant role in supporting the Comstock Lode and served as a key station along the historic Overland Trail and Pony Express routes that connected California with the rest of the United States; and

WHEREAS, generations of Placerville residents have contributed to the enduring American ideals of hard work, civic engagement, innovation, and service to community, state, and nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nicole Gotberg, Mayor of the City of Placerville, do hereby proclaim July 4, 2026, as

INDEPENDENCE DAY AND THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

in the City of Placerville and encourage all residents and visitors to gather in unity to celebrate 250 years of American liberty, to honor the unique local history we contribute to the national tapestry, and to look forward with confidence, hope, and purpose toward our nation's future.

Dated: June 23, 2026

Mayor Nicole Gotberg