



CITY OF WESTFIELD

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS July 4, 2026 is the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS Henry Knox, a 24 year old civilian, did undertake in the winter of 1775-1776, to lead a crew of teamsters driving oxen-pulled sleds to haul cannons captured by American patriots at Fort Ticonderoga, New York through the Berkshire Hills, to Westfield, after which he drove on to Cambridge, where the cannons were thereafter placed to challenge the occupation of Boston by the British Army; and

WHEREAS through these efforts of Henry Knox, Boston, and indeed all of Massachusetts, was liberated from the tyranny of King George III and Henry Knox was commissioned an officer in the Continental Army rising to the rank of Major General; and

WHEREAS but for this historic victory over the forces of the King, it is likely that the Declaration of Independence would not have been issued and signed by the Founders of our nation; and

WHEREAS now 250 years after that signing we Americans remain united in the support of the values and the self-evident truths as declared by our Founders in the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS it is now incumbent upon all of us to recognize the efforts of Henry Knox and to celebrate the founding document that all of us hold dear.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Michael A. McCabe, Mayor of the City of Westfield do hereby proclaim January 12, 2026 Major General Henry Knox Day and further, hereby declare him an honorary citizen of the City of Westfield, posthumously, with the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS: To undertake on July 3, 2026 a celebration to honor both the legacy of Major General Henry Knox and of those values and self-evident truths, for which he risked his life and liberty, as set forth in the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America.

_____, Mayor of the City of Westfield