



EXHIBIT EXPERIENCE

# Revolutionary IOWANS

2026 marks the United States of America's semiquincentennial, or 250th anniversary. On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, formally separating the thirteen British colonies and establishing the United States of America.

Iowa did not become a state until 70 years later in 1846, but the Declaration of Independence and the American Revolution still have meaning for Iowans. They help us understand our past and shape our future to better promote equality and liberty.

The State Historical Society of Iowa is proud to participate in the nationwide celebration of the United States' 250th anniversary.

*We invite you to explore Iowa's connections to the American Revolution in our galleries.*

*Declaration of Independence, John Trumbull, 1786-1820  
Courtesy of the Yale University Art Gallery, Trumbull Collection*

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