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**Franklin County Board of Elections Joins America 250-Ohio
to Commemorate America's 250th Anniversary**

(Columbus) The Franklin County Board of Elections is pleased to announce its official designation as a proud participant in the statewide America 250-Ohio initiative, the celebration of the United States' 250th anniversary in 2026. The full resolution unanimously approved by our board is included at the conclusion of this release.

Under the leadership of the Ohio Commission for the U.S. semiquincentennial, America 250-Ohio is encouraging communities across all 88 Ohio counties to highlight their unique contributions to the American story—past, present, and future.

As a member, the Board joins a growing network of local governments, non-profits, civic organizations, and county entities that are committed to commemorating this once-in-a-generation milestone.

Ohio and its counties including Franklin have played significant roles in shaping the nation—from early settlement and frontier politics to innovations in industry, governance, education, and civic life. America 250-Ohio aims to give voice to those stories and create a framework through which local communities can engage.

By participating, the Franklin County Board of Elections underscores its dedication to civic engagement, inclusive democracy, and public service—linking the Board’s everyday work of elections administration with the broader themes of citizenship and community that America 250-Ohio emphasizes.

The Mission of the Franklin County Board of Elections is to provide election services, information and education to the residents of Franklin County so they can exercise their right to vote and have confidence that elections are fair, impartial, and accurate. There are many things to administering elections in Ohio’s largest county. They include registering citizens to vote as well as maintaining our voter registration database which at the time of this release stands at almost 900,000 voters. Recruiting and training upwards of 5,000 poll workers that work at nearly 300 Election Day voting locations, and the absentee component which deals with mail-in ballots and in-person voting done all before Election Day. Voting is a lynchpin of the American experience of self-governance and is what makes our Country unique and should be celebrated.

“We are honored to join America 250-Ohio and contribute our voice and story to this statewide celebration,” said Douglas Preisse, Chairman of the Franklin County Board of Elections and Commission Co-Chair America 250-Ohio. “This designation reinforces our commitment to preserving how democracy works here at home, while connecting our local efforts to Ohio’s—and America’s—larger narrative.” For information about America 250-Ohio, visit <http://america250-ohio.org>. Follow America 250-Ohio for updates on programming and ways to get involved.

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, OF COLUMBUS
OHIO, SUPPORTING THE OHIO COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES
SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (AMERICA250-OH)**

WHEREAS, the Ohio legislature and the Governor created AMERICA250-OH in 2021 to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States and Ohio's integral role in that event and the role of its people on the nation's past, present and future; and

WHEREAS, AMERICA250-OH hopes to engage ALL Ohioans and ALL 88 counties through their many signature and officially recognized programs, projects and events over the next year by inspiring future leaders and celebrating all Ohioans contributions to the nation over the last 250 years;

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections hereby recognizes Doug Preisse as both its chairman and the chairman of the AMERICA250-OH Commission;

WHEREAS, by adoption of AMERICA250-OH Resolution we hope to educate, preserve, innovate, and celebrate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AND IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Franklin County Board of Elections of Columbus, Ohio hereby endorses AMERICA250-OH and their mission to educate, preserve, innovate and celebrate EVERY Ohioan in EVERY county; and **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Municipal legislative delegation and AMERICA250-OH Commission.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Franklin County Board of Elections in the County of Franklin, the State of Ohio, this 8th day of September, 2025.

ATTEST:



