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### **Franklin County Board of Elections Honors Presidents Day and America 250**

The Franklin County Board of Elections recognizes Presidents Day as a time to honor the leadership and legacy of the individuals who have served as President of the United States and to reflect on the enduring principles of American democracy.

This year's observance also coincides with the nationwide **America 250** celebration, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The milestone offers an opportunity for citizens to consider the nation's history and recommit to the values of liberty, self-government, and civic participation.

"Presidents Day and the America 250 celebration both remind us that our system of government depends on an informed and engaged electorate," said Franklin County Board of Elections Chairman Doug Preisse. "The Franklin County Board of Elections is proud to support this historic commemoration by encouraging residents to take part in the democratic process and ensure their voices are heard."

The Board of Elections encourages Franklin County residents to honor Presidents Day and America 250 by learning more about the nation's founding, checking their voter registration status, and participating in the upcoming May 5, 2026, primary election.

For more information about voter registration, upcoming elections, or voting options, visit the Franklin County Board of Elections website, <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov>, or contact the office directly at 614-525-3100



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