



## Agenda Item Staff Report

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council  
*For the Meeting of April 26, 2022*

**From:** Chris Constantin, City Manager

**Subject:** Resolution 2022-24 to Recognize the San Dimas Rotary Foundation as the Official Planning Organization for Events Related to the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence

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### SUMMARY

On March 8, 2022, the City Council requested City staff bring a resolution forward to recognize the San Dimas Rotary Foundation as the official planning organization for the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the Declaration of Independence in 2026. This staff report presents this resolution.

### RECOMMENDATION

City staff recommend the City Council approve Resolution 2022-24:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIMAS, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, RECOGNIZING THE SAN DIMAS ROTARY FOUNDATION AS THE OFFICIAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR EVENTS IN SAN DIMAS CELEBRATING THE 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE**

### FISCAL IMPACT

**None.** The recommended action is a recognition of the San Dimas Rotary Foundation and its representative community committee as the primary committee to plan for 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events.

### BACKGROUND

On March 8, 2022, the City Council requested City staff bring a resolution proclaiming the San Dimas Rotary Foundation as the City's official celebration planning organization for the 2026 celebration of the Declaration of Independence. This staff report recognizes the Foundation's community committee as the official community committee to plan and organize activities for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

**DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS**

On July 22, 2016, the United States President signed Public Law 114-196 which established the United States Semiquincentennial Commission to plan national celebrations and encourage state and local efforts to coordinate with the national effort to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

The San Dimas Rotary and Foundation led the effort to establish a local community committee to further coordinate celebrations locally with the national celebrations contemplated under Public Law 114-196. The City is participating in this planning effort along with community members from organizations including the Rotary Club of San Dimas, San Dimas Masonic Lodge, San Dimas/La Verne Woman's Club, La Verne/San Dimas Educational Foundation, San Dimas Rotary Foundation, San Dimas Sheriff's Boosters, San Dimas Historical Society, Bonita Unified School District, Bonita Unified School District Parent Teacher Association, and the San Dimas Chamber of Commerce.

The City will work towards supporting efforts to celebrate this anniversary, and as planning require any further actions, City staff will bring back such recommended actions for City Council approval.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

This is not a project for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Constantin, City Manager

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**RESOLUTION 2022-24**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIMAS, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, RECOGNIZING THE SAN DIMAS ROTARY FOUNDATION AS THE OFFICIAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR EVENTS IN SAN DIMAS CELEBRATING THE 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Declaration of Independence from Great Britain was adopted by the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776; and

**WHEREAS**, the Declaration of Independence contained principles that are of major significance in the national heritage of the United States, including individual liberty, representative government, and the attainment of equal and inalienable rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Law 114-196, passed by the 114<sup>th</sup> United States Congress and signed by the President on July 22, 2016, establishes the United States Semiquincentennial Commission, and encourages similar state and local efforts to coordinate with the national effort; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Dimas Rotary Foundation formed a local committee to plan, fundraise for, and coordinate the local effort to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in the City of San Dimas in accordance with Public Law 114-196; and

**WHEREAS**, the local committee is composed of residents and members of the Rotary Club of San Dimas, San Dimas Masonic Lodge, San Dimas/La Verne Woman's Club, La Verne/San Dimas Educational Foundation, San Dimas Rotary Foundation, San Dimas Sheriff's Boosters, San Dimas Historical Society, Bonita Unified School District, Bonita Unified School District Parent Teacher Association, the San Dimas Chamber of Commerce, and the City of San Dimas; and

**WHEREAS**, the local committee remains open to participation by other community organizations and individuals who can enhance the planned events; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Dimas desires to recognize this local committee as the primary coordinating community committee for this celebration as the committee brings together community members throughout San Dimas, provides expertise in related fields to support the celebration, and who represent broad constituents of San Dimas.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council recognizes that the San Dimas Rotary Foundation's 2026 Committee as the official community committee to plan and organize activities for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence celebration.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED**, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

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Emmett G. Badar, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Debra Black, City Clerk

I Debra Black, City Clerk, hereby certify that Resolution 2022-24 was adopted by the City Council of San Dimas at its regular meeting of April 26, 2022 by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

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Debra Black, City Clerk

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