

Two Lights for Tomorrow Resolution

WHEREAS, Bingham County, Idaho, recognizes the importance of commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a milestone that embodies our nation's founding ideals of equality, liberty, and justice; and

WHEREAS, on the night of April 18-19, 1775, Paul Revere, a member of the Sons of Liberty, undertook a perilous midnight ride to warn Samuel Adams and John Hancock of the impending British troop movements, a pivotal moment that helped ignite the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, Revere's famous ride was preceded by the hanging of two lanterns in the Old North Church steeple, signaling "two if by sea" to indicate the British approach by water, a code that has become an enduring symbol of American vigilance and preparedness; and

WHEREAS, Revere's journey alerting local militia and citizens exemplifies the spirit of community and shared responsibility that has defined our nation since its inception; and

WHEREAS, the actions of Revere and fellow riders William Dawes and Dr. Samuel Prescott led to the Battles of Lexington and Concord, marking the beginning of armed conflict in the American Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, our community needs to unite in remembrance of our shared history, honoring the sacrifices made by those who fought for our independence and the values we hold dear; and

WHEREAS, Bingham County, Idaho, pledges its support of the American 250 in Idaho Commemoration and encourages participation in community events and programs that promote patriotism, unity, and reflection on our collective history; and

WHEREAS, the Two Lights for Tomorrow initiative, a nationwide campaign seeks to commemorate the 250th birthday of the United States of America,

WHEREAS, as part of the national initiative "Two Lights for Tomorrow," we will display two lights in the County courthouse on April 18, 2025, to honor and draw inspiration from Paul Revere's historic ride, to unite Americans in reflection, celebration, and service, and initiate a day of service on April 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this initiative aims to foster civic engagement and inspire acts of service that will resonate throughout our communities as we prepare for America's 250th birthday in 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners of Bingham County, Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 18, 2025, as “Two Lights for Tomorrow Day” and April 19, 2025, as a “Day of Community Service” in Bingham County, Idaho. We call upon all citizens, businesses, and institutions to:

- Display two lights on the evening of April 18, 2025, in honor of our nation’s history and as a symbol of our united future.
- Participate in community service activities on April 19, 2025, to strengthen our local bonds and contribute to the betterment of our society.
- Engage in educational activities and discussions about the significance of Paul Revere’s ride and its relevance to our ongoing journey as a nation.

Furthermore, we encourage all local government buildings, community centers, and public spaces to take part in this symbolic display. We urge all residents to participate in this evening vigil by prominently displaying two lights in their homes on April 18th and to pledge their time, talent, or treasure in a service opportunity on April 19th that reflects the needs and values of our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Bingham County Commissioners, Bingham County, Idaho, do hereby proclaim the County’s participation in the Two Lights for Tomorrow Initiative and encourage all residents to join in the historic commemoration.

To be signed March 26, 2025, at 10:30 am in the commissioner chambers at the Bingham County Courthouse, 501 North Maple, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221