

America's 250th: 51 Steps To Freedom Gains Momentum for "Signing The Promise" with National Partnerships and Growing Civil Engagement

National invitation for Americans to join a historic moment of unity, by singing the virtual Declaration of Independence at upcoming celebrations in New York City, Washington, D.C., and beyond

WASHINGTON, D.C. — June 24, 2026 — As America approaches its 250th anniversary, [51 Steps To Freedom](#) is building momentum behind "[Signing The Promise](#)," its nationwide civic engagement initiative inviting people across the country to virtually sign the Declaration of Independence. Through AR-powered technology, this immersive experience invites Americans from all over the U.S. to recommit to the enduring ideals of freedom, opportunity, and shared responsibility.

51 Steps To Freedom is a Washington, DC based nonprofit organization dedicated to creating the largest outdoor museum in the world through an AR-powered walking trail in the nation's capital with 51 stops sharing stories that have shaped American History. Building on its recent national launch of "Signing The Promise," 51 Steps To Freedom continues to expand through a growing network of high-profile partners and activations at major America's 250th celebrations, marching towards its goal to collect 250,000 signatures.

"We're aiming for 250,000 signatures because America's 250th anniversary deserves more than celebration—it deserves participation," says H.H. Leonards, Co-Founder of 51 Steps To Freedom. "Every signature helps create a lasting symbol of the values that connect us and gives Americans a meaningful way to participate in our nation's 250th anniversary and carry our nation's story forward together."

51 Steps to Freedom's National Partnerships

Since launching nationwide in May 2026, 51 Steps To Freedom has partnered with organizations including the Miss America Organization, Sail4th 250, Giant Food, National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Archives, Girl Scouts of the Nations Capital, the Cincinnati Reds, and more helping extend the reach of the initiative into communities across the country.

This summer, the public will also have opportunities to engage with 51 Steps To Freedom in person at key celebrations connected to America's semiquincentennial, including Sail4th 250 in New York Harbor and Boston, Great American State Fair, Teddy Roosevelt Presidential Library Opening, 58th Girl Scouts National Convention, Miss America 2027, and additional events. Attendees at these events are encouraged to visit the 51 Steps To Freedom activation onsite to experience the project firsthand, learn more about the journey toward July 4, 2026, and sign the Promise alongside fellow Americans.

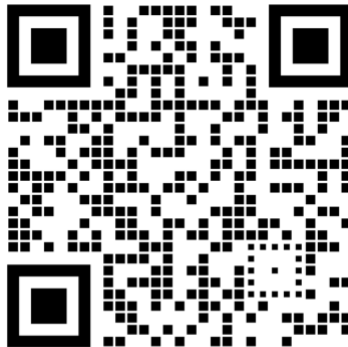
How to Sign the Promise

Anyone can participate from anywhere:

- Download the Hoverlay app from the App Store.
- Scan the experience QR code below or visit: <https://hoverlay.io/space/b78>.

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- Add your name to the Declaration of Independence and become part of a growing nationwide movement.



By signing, participants take the first step on the broader 51 Steps To Freedom journey—connecting people to stories, places, and moments that have shaped the nation while encouraging reflection on the role each individual plays in shaping its future.

To Sign The Promise, learn more about upcoming events, or follow the movement toward 250,000 signatures, visit www.51StepsToFreedom.org/promise.

About 51 Steps To Freedom

51 Steps To Freedom (50 states, one nation) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to creating the world's largest outdoor museum focused on American history, civic engagement, and storytelling. Through augmented reality, music, animation, and immersive experiences, the organization brings historic moments, places, and people to life while inspiring thoughtful participation in the continuing American story.

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