



# City of Winston-Salem

## Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

- WHEREAS:** On June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress, representing the citizens of 13 American colonies, authorized the establishment of the Continental Army; and
- WHEREAS:** The collective expression of the pursuit of personal freedom that caused the authorization and organization of the United States Army led to the adoption of the Declaration of Independence and the codification of the new nation's basic principles and values in the Constitution; and
- WHEREAS:** For the past 250 years, the U.S. Army's central mission has been to fight and win the nation's wars, with the motto "This We'll Defend" being the creed by which the American Soldier lives and serves; and
- WHEREAS:** No matter the cause, location, or magnitude of future conflicts, the nation can rely on the U.S. Army to produce well-trained, well-led, and highly motivated Soldiers to carry out the missions entrusted to them; and
- WHEREAS:** The components of the U.S. Army to include the Army National Guard, the U.S. Army Reserves, and the Regular Army have contributed immensely to health and natural disaster response; and
- WHEREAS:** Citizens of the City of Winston-Salem have proudly served and made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation's freedom while serving in the United States Army and other branches of our nation's military.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. ALLEN JOINES,** Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 14, 2025 as

## UNITED STATES ARMY'S 250<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY

and express appreciation to the United States Army and to the dedicated Soldiers who have served in it over the 250 years it has been in existence.

Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of June, 2025.

J. ALLEN JOINES

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Mayor