



Secretary Brooke L. Rollins
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Proclamation by the Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins

In Recognition of America 250 at State Fairs Across the Nation

Whereas, on July 4, 1776, the United States of America was founded upon the principles "that all men are created equal, [and] that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights," truths that continue to define and strengthen our nation;

Whereas, public celebrations have long upheld our Republic's dedication to liberty, justice, and equality before the law;

Whereas, the 1876 Centennial Exposition and the 1976 Bicentennial Exposition gathered the American people in a common remembrance of our national heritage and future promise; Whereas, as the United States prepares to mark the 250th anniversary of its founding on July 4, 2026, communities across this great country are called to celebrate with unity and patriotism;

Whereas, state fairs are longstanding American traditions that bring citizens together to honor agriculture, showcase livestock and bountiful harvests, and celebrate the traditions that shape our nation;

Now, therefore, I, Brooke Rollins, Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby proclaim:

That all state fairs across the United States are called upon to serve as patriotic centers of celebration for America 250, imbuing their 2025 events with historic patriotism and tributes to the founding spirit of our Republic.

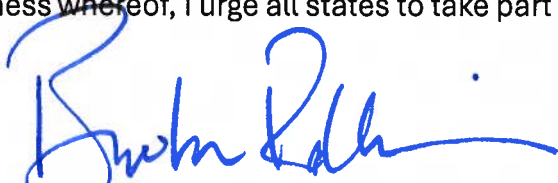
That all Semiquincentennial celebrations elevate the memory of our Nation's patriots, living and dead, as an inspiration to the future leaders of America.

Let every livestock show, 4-H and FFA competition, grandstand event, and produce display reflect the liberty and determination that shaped this nation.

Let our rural communities, youth exhibitors, and family farms take center stage in honoring 250 years of American strength and resolve.

As Secretary of Agriculture and a member of the Salute to America 250 Task Force, I encourage every state to embrace this moment and elevate the national inheritance that unites us all.

In witness whereof, I urge all states to take part in this historic national tribute.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brooke L. Rollins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "B" and "R".

BROOKE L. ROLLINS