

Town of Sykesville



MARYLAND 250 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America will occur on July 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the Town to develop, encourage, and execute an inclusive observance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the nation that recognizes all Marylanders' struggle for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness before, during, and after the Revolution; and

WHEREAS, Maryland made significant contributions to the Revolutionary War by supplying materials, resources, ships, and soldiers; and

WHEREAS, this anniversary invites us to reflect on the ongoing evolution of American democracy, Maryland's integral role in that process, and the impact of Marylanders on the nation's past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, stories of revolution exist in all periods of time and in all places and sectors of our State, demonstrating Marylanders' boundless capacity for innovation, growth, and development; and

WHEREAS, in our formative years, Sykesville engaged with state and national enterprise from supplying metals used in the American Revolution to contributing to the success of the B&O Railroad —America's first commercial railway; and

WHEREAS, we recognize our town's namesake, James Sykes, for his role as an Old Defender in the War of 1812, as well as generations of residents whose service continues to preserve our American liberties; and

WHEREAS, by celebrating our successes and reckoning with our setbacks, we will deepen public understanding of our complex history, strengthen public appreciation for service to our country, and inspire public engagement in civic life; and

WHEREAS, inclusive conversations about our shared past allow us to discuss who we are today and who we want to be in the future so that we may invigorate and sustain the United States of America for the benefit of future generations.

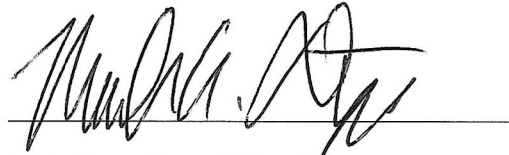
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Sykesville that residents are encouraged to join the Town in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation by joining in events presented by the nation, state, and the Town.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the official seal of Sykesville to be affixed this 14th day of July in the year 2025.


Stacy Link, Mayor


Anna Carter, Council President


Mark Dyer, Council Member


Elizabeth Guroff, Council Member


Leo Keenan, Council Member


Alexandra Ries, Council Member


Jeremiah Schofield, Council Member

