



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilor Jennifer Kretovic and Former Mayor Jim Bouley, Co-chairs

DATE: July 7, 2026

SUBJECT: Dissolution of the Ad-Hoc Concord Semiquincentennial and Tri-Centennial Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept this report on behalf of the Ad Hoc Semiquincentennial/Tricentennial Committee and formally recognize the committee, its members, and the many volunteers and community partners whose dedication made Concord's 250th Anniversary of American Independence and the City's 300th Anniversary celebration a success. It is further recommended that the City Council acknowledge that the committee has completed the charge established by Resolution No. 9679 and conclude its work.

BACKGROUND:

The Ad Hoc Semiquincentennial/Tricentennial Committee was established by Resolution No. 9679 in October 2024. The committee's primary purpose was to collaborate with community organizations, volunteers, and City staff to plan and coordinate activities commemorating the 250th Anniversary of American Independence and the 300th Anniversary of the founding of Concord and Penacook. Resolution No. 9679 also provided that the committee would terminate on July 4, 2026.

The City Council extends its sincere appreciation to the many community organizations whose partnership and leadership helped create a month of commemorative events culminating in the Fourth of July celebration. Special recognition is extended to:

- Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce
- Intown Concord
- Concord Historical Society
- Penacook Historical Society

The City Council also recognizes the dedication and commitment of the citizen members who generously volunteered their time in service on the committee:

- Cindy Foote
- James Milliken
- Gabe Szczepanik
- Jessica Martin
- Donna Robie
- Rik Yeames
- Steve Leone, Concord Monitor representative
- Fisto Ndayishimiye (serving by proxy)

The City Council further recognizes the elected officials who served on the committee:

- Mayor Byron Champlin
- Councilor Amanda Grady Sexton
- Councilor Brent Todd
- Councilor Kris Shultz (serving by proxy)

Additionally, our gratitude to the parade volunteers:

- Jamie Tibbetts, Parade Coordinator
- Shana Perry, Assistant Parade Coordinator
- Bill Kretovic, Assistant Parade Coordinator
- Tom Cusano, Music Coordinator

The City Council also extends its sincere appreciation to the Concord Police Department, Concord Fire Department, General Services Department, Code Administration, Concord Municipal Airport, and the many City employees whose professionalism, teamwork, and commitment ensured the success and safety of these historic celebrations.

Through the collective efforts of community organizations, volunteers, City staff, elected officials, and residents, Concord commemorated two extraordinary milestones in our history with pride, patriotism, and an enduring sense of community.

Throughout its work, the committee embraced the guiding mantra of "**Unity, Community, and Celebration.**" It is the hope of the committee that this spirit will continue well beyond July 4, 2026, and that the memories created during this historic anniversary year will inspire future generations and be remembered by our children and grandchildren for decades to come.

Upon acceptance of this report, the Ad Hoc Semiquincentennial/Tricentennial Committee shall be deemed dissolved in accordance with Resolution No. 9679.