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Governor Creates Mississippi America250 Commission



Attendees at the April Signing Ceremonies with Gov. Reeves (L-R): SAR Past State President Ben Jones, Chancellor Mark Henry, Vice President General Michael Schenk, Sen. Lydia Chassaniol, DAR State Regent Cynthia Mangum, Committee Chair Kathy Henry, and Bette Poole.

JACKSON, MS - On March 28, 2023, Governor Tate Reeves signed into law SB 2139, providing for the creation of a non-partisan state commission to develop programs to celebrate the 250th anniversary of America's independence in 2026.

Working jointly with the America250 Foundation, the multiyear commemoration will be led by First Lady Elee Reeves, Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann, the House Speaker Philip Gunn, and various state agency appointees and advisory committees.

In attendance at the April 24 signing ceremony were officers and members of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, including DAR State Regent Cynthia Frances Mangum, the bill's principal author, Sen. Lydia Graves Chassaniol, and drafter, SAR Past State President Ben Block Jones.

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