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February 2026 Newsletter

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Ohio Statehouse Reading of the Declaration of Independence MARCH 20th, 2026



BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO WHEREAS, The 250th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Declaration of Independence is on July 4, 2026; and **WHEREAS,** President Donald Trump established Task Force 250 to provide a grand celebration worthy of the momentous occasion of the 250th anniversary of American Independence and to honor the history of our great Nation; and **WHEREAS,** Students and schools should join in the meaningful celebrations taking place nationally in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence; and **WHEREAS,** An understanding of the founding documents, especially the Declaration of Independence, is an important component of each student's

education; now therefore be it **RESOLVED,** That we, the members of the 136th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, encourage students in grades one through twelve to join in the national celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence by reading it in the classroom during the 2025-2026 school year; and be it further **RESOLVED,** That we encourage schools to provide formal classroom time for students to read and discuss the Declaration of Independence during the 2025-2026 school year; and be it further **RESOLVED,** That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Director of Education and Workforce, and the news media of Ohio.

Ohio Christian Alliance, through LifeRead Volunteer Reading Tutoring Initiative, is sponsoring a celebratory reading of The Declaration of Independence at the Ohio Statehouse on Friday, March 20th in the Statehouse Atrium. Joining us for the celebration will be Senator Jon Husted, A.G. Dave Yost, Auditor Keith Faber, Treasurer Robert Sprague, Representatives and sponsors of HCR 22 Ohio Reads the Declaration of Independence, Rep. Bill Roemer and Rep. Jack Daniels, as well as State Reps. Gary Click, Sarah Fowler Arthur, Beth Lear, and Melanie Miller. They will be reading with school children from around the state. The event consists of the celebration of the Declaration of Independence reading with students and legislators, a lunch program, and tours of the Statehouse. **If your student or school would like to register,** direct them to the website www.liferead.org. For those **individuals who would like to attend** the event and receive a lunch, that registration is on the www.ohioca.org website. There is no cost for students and faculty. For non-student attendees, the cost is \$40.00. We are excited to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday with this emphasis of reading The Declaration of Independence with our fellow citizens.

Honored to offer the invocation and benediction at this year's Wreaths Across America at the Western Reserve National Cemetery with SOS Frank LaRose, State Representative Melanie Miller and local organizer Lynda Bowers. Great job by all the volunteers.



OCA is always privileged to honor our veterans. In December, OCA President Chris Long was invited to present the invocation and benediction at the Wreaths Across America event at Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman. Over 2,000 volunteers participated in the event. The Rittman cemetery now has 44,000 veterans and their spouses buried there as their final resting place.

The Mid-terms this year are critical to the future of our country. OCA, once again, will be providing an educational voter guide. We will cover the U.S. Senate and Congressional races, the statewide races, the Ohio House and Ohio Senate races, as well as any ballot statewide initiatives or Constitutional Amendments.



LifeRead Volunteer Tutoring Initiative continues to grow. We have now conducted over 600 sessions with more than 240 students, working in four schools. In the next few months, we will be launching the next phase of LifeRead Volunteer Reading Tutoring, working with local churches to connect volunteer tutors with students in need. Many of our volunteers are spread out throughout the state. We plan on working with local churches during their mid-week youth classes for our volunteer reading tutors to work with students from the church and community. If you would like to volunteer to be a reading tutor or if you would like your church to work with LifeRead, visit our website at www.LifeRead.org.

Thank you for your continued faithful financial support of the Ohio Christian Alliance.

Chris Long
President Ohio Christian Alliance

Ron Koehler, Esq., Secretary
Alfred Davis, Treasurer
Wendy Sergent, OCA Board Member
Brian Lowdermilk, OCA Board Member

Ohio Statehouse Read of The Declaration of Independence

March 20th

Luncheon program with Statehouse tour for students and faculty. Sponsored by LifeRead Volunteer Reading Tutoring Initiative.

A celebration of our nation's 250th birthday with a public reading of The Declaration of Independence by students and legislators.

REGISTER YOUR STUDENTS

Students grades 4,5,6

Also, students grades 7,8,9 and 10,11,12

Program 11:00 a.m.

Lunch 12:00 noon

Statehouse Tour 1:15 p.m.

Please arrive at the Statehouse by 10:00 a.m.

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NBC4 Follow
Ohio lawmakers are considering a resolution encouraging students statewide to read the Declaration of Independence in classrooms this school year, ahead of the document's 250th anniversary in 2026.
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OHIO STUDENTS URGED TO READ DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AS PART OF NEW RESOLUTION

Lunch program- Register today



AG Dave Yost



Sen Jon Husted



Keith Faber



LifeRead Chris Long



Bill Roemer
District 31 | R



Jack K. Daniels
District 32 | R



Sarah Fowler Arthur
District 99 | R



Gary Click
District 88 | R



Melanie Miller
District 67 | R

Please email this registration form to chris@LifeRead.org.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____ X \$40 EACH = \$ _____

TABLE SPONSOR: NUMBER OF TABLES _____ X \$400/TABLE of 10 = \$ _____

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