

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. RES. 1412

Expressing support for July, the month of America’s birthday, to become
“National Fireworks Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 2, 2026

Mr. BURLISON (for himself and Mr. MOSKOWITZ) submitted the following
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for July, the month of America’s
birthday, to become “National Fireworks Month”.

Whereas, on July 3, 1776, Founding Father John Adams wrote to Abigail Adams expressing his belief that the signing of the Declaration of Independence should be commemorated “with Pomp and Parade, with Shows, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more”;

Whereas, on July 4, 1777, reflecting the vision of John Adams, fireworks were set off in Philadelphia as part of a celebration to commemorate Independence Day;

Whereas, throughout history, Americans in cities and towns large and small have celebrated the birth of this great

Nation, with more than 14,000 fireworks displays on Independence Day in 2025 alone;

Whereas an estimated 50,000,000 Americans on average traveled on vacation to these cities and towns during the Fourth of July holiday in 2025;

Whereas 49 States plus the District of Columbia allow some or all types of consumer fireworks;

Whereas retail sales of fireworks have skyrocketed in recent years;

Whereas Americans on average spend more than \$2,300,000,000 on consumer fireworks;

Whereas the United States fireworks industry is committed to promoting the legal and safe handling and use of all fireworks;

Whereas the fireworks industry serves as a livelihood for many small business owners and operators across the country;

Whereas fireworks celebrations are important economic drivers for cities and towns across the country; and

Whereas the United States of America will be celebrating its semiquincentennial on July 4, 2026, and continues to remain the longest serving constitutional republic in the world: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the historic importance of fire-
3 works displays in the United States, particularly in
4 annual Independence Day celebrations;

1 (2) recognizes that the fireworks industry
2 brings joy to communities and neighborhoods across
3 the country and is good for the national psyche;

4 (3) recognizes the importance of maintaining
5 the United States supply chains and ensuring af-
6 fordability so that consumer fireworks will always be
7 prevalent on shelves so that people can celebrate the
8 Fourth of July; and

9 (4) urges cities and towns, counties, and other
10 municipalities to celebrate the Fourth of July with
11 celebrations of the Nation's 250th birthday.

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