

VOICE OF THE VILLAS

June 29, 2022



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA,
LAND THAT WE LOVE
STAND BESIDE HER**



On July 4, 1776, 246 years ago, the Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence. They had been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes.

July 4th became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, DC). It is also the date that was printed on the Dunlap

Broadsides, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation.

Celebrations of the Fourth of July became more common as the years went on and in 1870, almost 100 years after the Declaration was written, Congress first declared July 4 to be a national holiday as part of a bill to officially recognize several holidays, including Christmas. Further legislation about national holidays, including July 4, was passed in 1939 and 1941.



Wishing all our Chestnut Creek neighbors, a safe and enjoyable summer.