

TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 8, 2026

The regular meeting and public hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, June 8th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

Roll Call:	Supervisor Michael Reynolds	Present
	Councilwoman Deborah Nottke	Present
	Councilman Todd Wyckoff	Present
	Councilwoman Barbara Soyka	Absent
	Councilman Ben Guthrie	Present

Resolution #2-2026

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JULY 2–JULY 11, 2026
“CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF FREEDOM DAYS”
IN THE TOWN OF COVERT

Nottke moved, seconded by Wyckoff, that

WHEREAS, Delegates to the Second Continental Congress from 12 colonies voted to dissolve political bands with Great Britain on JULY 2, 1776, with New York delegates abstaining; and,

WHEREAS, Delegates to the Second Continental Congress from 12 colonies voted to approve the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE and ordered it printed and dispersed on JULY 4, 1776, with New York delegates abstaining; and,

WHEREAS, the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE was printed overnight with two names, John Hancock, president of Congress, and Chas. Thompson, secretary, by Printer to Congress John Dunlap and ready for sending on JULY 5 and 6, 1776; and,

WHEREAS, General in Chief George Washington received the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE and ordered it read to Continental Army brigades in New York City on JULY 9, 1776; and,

WHEREAS, the New York Provincial Assembly approved the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE and ordered it published “with Beat of Drum” in Westchester County on JULY 11, 1776; and,

WHEREAS, John Adams, delegate from Massachusetts Bay Colony and one of the Committee of FIVE who drafted the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE wrote to his wife Abigail on JULY 3, 1776 that, *“The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epoch, in the History of America. – I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated,*

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as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.”; and,

WHEREAS, Revolutionary War veteran Abner Treman settled in the area of the Village of Trumansburg which bears his name to this day; and,

WHEREAS, since its beginnings in the late 1780s when the Town of Covert was settled by Veterans of the American Revolution and their families; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Covert Town Board hereby designates July 2–July 11, 2026 as “CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF FREEDOM DAYS” in the Town of Covert, and
BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED that residents of the Town of Covert are encouraged to celebrate with readings of the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE and other acts of commemoration in accordance with conscience, belief, and applicable law.

Aye – Nottke, Aye – Wyckoff, Aye – Reynolds, and Aye – Guthrie.