



## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **Two Lights for Tomorrow at Ohio Statehouse on April 18 to Commemorate 250th Anniversary of Paul Revere's Ride**

**What:**

- The Ohio Statehouse will display two lights in the building's cupola shortly after 8 p.m. on Friday, April 18, 2025, to honor the 250th anniversary of Paul Revere's legendary ride to alert Massachusetts minutemen that the British army was approaching prior to the battles of Lexington and Concord.
- The event is part of the nationwide "Two Lights for Tomorrow" initiative, which seeks to symbolize unity, remembrance, and a collective call to action.
- America 250-Ohio encourages various public buildings throughout the state, as well as private homes, to participate by displaying two lights on the evening of April 18.
- This initiative aims to promote a sense of unity and historical reflection as Ohioans and Americans nationwide embark on the journey toward the nation's 250th birthday.
- Interviews with key stakeholders will be available upon request.
- Special guest: General George Washington (portrayed by Curt Radabaugh)

**When:**

Friday, April 18, 2025  
8 p.m.

**Where:**

The Ohio State House  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

**Presentation Agenda:**

**8:00 p.m.: Welcoming Remarks**

- Doug Puisse, America 250-Ohio Commission Co-Chair

**Presenting Colors and remarks**

- The Sons of the American Revolution – Bob Hill
- Daughters of the American Revolution – Chris Nehring
- Henry Hauser – descendent of William Dawes who also announced the coming of the British on April 18<sup>th</sup> – Mr. Hauser is the Board President of Dawes Arboretum

**8:15 p.m. (approximately) Lighting of the two lights in the Statehouse Cupola**

**RSVP: Media** please respond if you will attend by emailing [America250-Ohio@fahlgren.com](mailto:America250-Ohio@fahlgren.com)

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**About America 250-Ohio:**

In 2026, the United States will celebrate its semiquincentennial, which is the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Each state has been encouraged to create a celebration and commemoration of this anniversary to reflect the unique character and contributions of each state to the nation over the past 250 years. Ohio is fully embracing this opportunity. The Ohio Commission for the Semiquincentennial (aka America 250-Ohio Commission or AM250-OH) was created by the Ohio legislature and launched on March 1, 2022. The charge of the AM250-OH Commission is to "...to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the United States and the impact of Ohioans on the nation's past, present, and future." — Ohio Revised Code (149.309). More information can be found at [America250-Ohio.org](https://America250-Ohio.org).