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Ohio Statehouse to Light Up on April 18 for Two Lights for Tomorrow Ohio courthouses urged to display two lights to join in the celebration to honor Paul Revere's Ride

Columbus, OH (April 15, 2025) — America 250-Ohio (AM 250-OH), the official state commission responsible for spearheading Ohio's celebrations and commemorations around America's semiquincentennial in 2026, announced today that the Ohio Statehouse would display two lights in its cupola at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 18, 2025. This event is part of the nationwide "Two Lights for Tomorrow" initiative, which seeks to honor the lasting legacy of Paul Revere's legendary ride and symbolize unity, remembrance, and a collective call to action.

Along with the Ohio Statehouse, AM 250-Ohio encourages other public buildings throughout the state, such as courthouses, libraries and municipal buildings, as well as private homes, to participate by displaying two lights on the evening of April 18. This initiative aims to cultivate a sense of unity and historical reflection as Ohioans and Americans nationwide embark on the journey toward the nation's 250th birthday.

"We are honored to join the nation in marking this pivotal moment in American history," said Executive Director of America 250-Ohio, Todd Kleismit. "The 'Two Lights for Tomorrow' initiative is a powerful way for all Ohioans to participate in the nation's celebrations, honor our history, and look forward to a bright future."

The lights will shine 250 years after Revere's famous midnight ride when he warned American patriots of the British forces' advance on the eve of the American Revolution. America 250-Ohio is proud to partner with <u>ServeOhio</u>, the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism, in presenting this event. The Sons of the American Revolution/Daughters of the American Revolution will be on-site to display both the national and the State of Ohio flags.

For more information on how to participate in Two Lights for Tomorrow, visit https://america250-ohio.org/2025/03/two-lights-for-tomorrow/

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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 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.