



There were 56 signers. Benjamin Franklin, who was 70, was the oldest signer, and Edward Rutledge, who was 26, was the youngest.



The Congress declared Independence Day a federal legal holiday in 1941.

While the Declaration was adopted on July 4, 1776, the engrossed parchment copy was not ready for signing until later. The signing took place primarily on August 2, 1776. We celebrate the Fourth of July in honor of the nation's birthday, July 4, 1776.

The United States will be celebrating its semiquincentennial in 2026, marking the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Semiquincentennial: Means "half of five hundred years".

John Hancock, who was 39, was the first to sign and penned the LARGEST signature.



Thirteen of the signers were 35 years old or younger, while seven were 60 or older.

Happy 249th Birthday to the USA!

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THE NSDAA WISHES EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!