



Proclamation

Celebrating the Kootenai County Courthouse and America's Founding

Whereas, 100 years ago in April, the cornerstone of this courthouse was laid; and

Whereas, 100 years ago this coming December, this courthouse was dedicated for the public's business; and

Whereas, 250 years ago July 4, our forefathers formally endorsed the Declaration of Independence that led to the founding of this country; and

Whereas, that declaration plainly stated the need for independent, impartial justice under a rule of law; and

Whereas, a courthouse is a home for justice, a gathering place for the public, a hub for business, and a source of law that defines a community's identity; and

Whereas, the Kootenai County Courthouse has served all these roles and more in making the county and its communities what they are today.

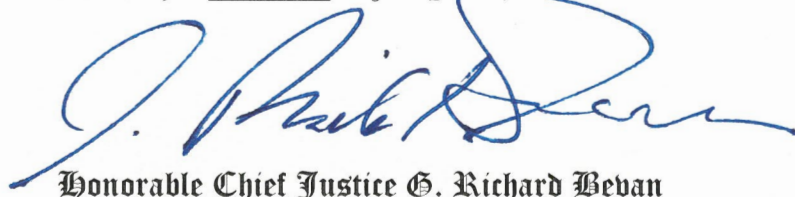
Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Idaho Supreme Court recognizes and honors the 100-year history of this courthouse and those who have served within it.

Be it further resolved that the Court invites all others to do the same, and to do all they can to support the public institutions behind our rule of law over the next 100 years.

Be it further resolved that the Court invites all Idahoans to join in celebrating the history of our country and our state, in Kootenai County and beyond.

Be it further resolved that on July 3, 2026, 136 years since Idaho became a state, a copy of this proclamation shall be included in a time capsule buried at the Kootenai County Courthouse, to be opened 100 years after burial.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2026.


Honorable Chief Justice G. Richard Bevan