

**PERKASIE BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION #2024-68**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PERKASIE, COUNTY OF  
BUCKS, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING  
APPLICATION FOR AN AMERICA250PA GRANT TO COMPLETE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT**

*WHEREAS*, much of Perkasio Borough was developed in accordance with a traditional “small town” urban form. Originally an industrial community, Perkasio now also has a fully evolved commercial sector consisting of retail shops, restaurants, a supermarket, personal services, and professional offices. The Borough features a defined Town Center Area.

*WHEREAS*, Perkasio provides a full range of public facilities, which foster a sense of community. These include a municipal aquatic center, a dog park, a skate park and a historic carrousel and covered bridge. Civic spirit is further supported by a tradition of civic events held in the Town Center Area, including an annual car show, a regularly scheduled farmer’s market, a Fall Festival, a Downtown Spring Event, and an Annual Tree Lighting (dating back 116 years).

*WHEREAS*, in 2020, Perkasio Borough completed the Determination of Eligibility (DOE) requirements for a National Historic district with about 1,000 resources (buildings and structures).

*WHEREAS*, the Borough Council sees it as a priority to continue the process of establishing a National Historic District in the Borough to foster and promote the preservation of historic properties, recognize the architectural and cultural value of these properties, & illustrate the heritage of small towns in the United States.

*WHEREAS*, historic buildings are a record of ourselves and our communities, and preserving important historic resources creates a visible connection with the community's history and culture. Historic places also preserve and promote the human stories of people who built, lived, or worked in them.

*WHEREAS*, America250PA, with generous funding support from Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro and the Pennsylvania Legislature, is seeking to award \$1 million in grant funding during the 2024-25 Fiscal Year. The Semiquincentennial Grants are intended to create, uplift, improve, and expand programming, projects, and events from eligible Pennsylvania communities and organizations, which contribute to a full calendar of activities, engaging every single Pennsylvanian, around the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

*FURTHERMORE*, America250PA is Pennsylvania’s official Commission charged with planning and coordinating all of the programming, projects and events around the 250th anniversary of the

United States in 2026. They are currently scheduling and implementing a series of programs and events focused on Educating, Preserving, Innovating, and Celebrating everything that makes Pennsylvania what it is: from our natural and political past and origins; to the people, industry, and organizations that make up our neighbors and communities; to the incredible sights and sounds Pennsylvania provides and Pennsylvanians create; all the way to laying a solid groundwork for our children, for future generations, and for the next 250 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Perkasio, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. That the Borough Council hereby approves the filing of an application for \$10,000 in funds under the America250PA Program.
2. That Andrea Coaxum, Borough Manager, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file the appropriate forms with the America250PA program.
3. That the Borough Council hereby approves the allocation of \$10,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act funds as a match to this application.

This resolution has been duly prepared and adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Perkasio in a public meeting held this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2024.

BOROUGH OF PERKASIE

By: 

James Ryder, Council President

ATTEST: 

Andrea L. Coaxum, Secretary