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## *The Mayor's Corner*

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### A Nation of Strength and Resiliency

On July 4, 1776, we declared our independence from Great Britain and then fought a war to overcome their control. Over the next 245 years we have had to fight many wars to ensure that independence. We should always be grateful to the men and women who sacrificed so much, so that we can continue to enjoy Freedom.

Wars; however, have not been the only things that have tested this nation. We have faced many threats and obstacles: terrorism (from within and outside our borders), disasters (both natural and man-made), economic depressions and recessions, epidemics and pandemics, segregation, civil unrest; to name some of the major ones. All of these have had one thing in common: they failed to destroy us. Our strength and resiliency have helped us to overcome these threats.

We live in the greatest nation on earth (something that is often forgotten). It is not perfect. As I have often said, people, who think that, are looking through rose-colored glasses. Even the Founding Fathers recognized that. The Preamble to the Constitution begins with the words: "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, ..." You don't need me to list our nation's flaws and shortcomings. There are plenty of others who do that daily. Instead, I will remind you that this nation was founded as an experiment in government. It is a never-ending work in process. We are constantly evolving.

A nation that can face and overcome threats and obstacles, as we have, can correct flaws. This is one of the qualities that has made, and continues to make, us so attractive to millions of immigrants. With our strength and determination, and with God's help, we will continue to be the great and attractive nation that we are.

I hope to see you at our July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, which begins at 11am. No matter where you celebrate; however, please stay safe.

*Greg*