

175th Anniversary of Texas Independence

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Wednesday, March 2, is not only Texas Independence Day, but it is the 175th anniversary of the [Texas Declaration of Independence](#).

As part of the 175th anniversary celebration, you can view the Texas Declaration of Independence and the William B. Travis letter from the Alamo, [on public display now through April 21](#) from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, as well as the online exhibit [Texas 175: A Dozen Documents that Made a Difference](#); and check out [Texas Monthly's Great Terquasquicentennial Road Trip](#) through 175 stops that tell the story of Texas.

Did you know...

- March 2 is also [Sam Houston's](#) 218th birthday (born March 2, 1793).
- The 14th Texas Legislature declared March 2 as Texas Independence Day in 1874 in [Joint Resolution 7](#); this year will mark the 137th celebration of Texas Independence Day.
- The week that includes March 2 is also Texas Week (Vernon's Ann. Civ. Stat. [6144a](#)).
- In anticipation of the Sesquicentennial, the 150th anniversary in 1986, the Texas Observer reported that Prince Charles of Wales visited Austin February 20, 1986, to cut the world's largest birthday cake. The cake weighed 45 tons, 30,000 pounds just from icing, and took 93,108 eggs to make.