

COMMONWEALTH JUBILEE: A *Celebration* of Unity & Heritage

WE HOLD
THESE
TRUTHS



My Community, Our Stories

Why are you here
today?

What does this
gathering mean to you?

We Hold These Truths (WHTT) is a national documentation activity that gathers stories about our connections to place, culture, and history. The initiative is named for one of the most recognizable phrases from the preamble to the U.S. Declaration of Independence, signed 250 years ago.

At WHTT stations, we invite you to share reflections on your communities and the nation by responding to a series of questions in five- to ten-minute recorded interviews. Over the course of the year, WHTT stations will appear at approximately twenty festivals across the country and U.S. territories.

All recordings will be preserved at the Smithsonian's Ralph Rinzler Folklife Archives and Collections as part of a lasting public record. Go to festival.si.edu to learn more.

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