



**TWO HUNDREDTH
ANNIVERSARY**

STOUGHTON
MASSACHUSETTS

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STOUGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS

The Birthplace of American Liberty

- 1774, August 16 At the Doty Tavern in Old Stoughton was held the first formal meeting or "County Congress" where delegates reduced to writing the principles of American Independence.
- 1774, September 6 The second or adjourned meeting of the County Congress held at Dedham to "complete the business."
- 1774, September 9 The third meeting held at the Vose Tavern in Milton where the Suffolk Resolves were unanimously adopted.
- 1774, September 17 In Philadelphia the first Continental Congress, inspired by the Suffolk Resolves, passed the Declaration of Rights.
- 1775, May 20 The famous Mecklenburg Declaration was prepared in the Carolinas.
- 1776, July 4 The Declaration of Independence.

Thus, in Old Stoughton was held the first formal meeting of those who were determined to make America "the land of the free." The action of this first County Congress and its influence upon subsequent events gives to Old Stoughton the honor of being the definite Birthplace of American Liberty.

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*in commemoration of the
incorporation of the Town of*

STOUGHTON
MASSACHUSETTS



CELEBRATION *the entire week*

August 22 ~ 28

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August 24 ~ 25 ~ 26

Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-Six