

“What We Want”

*Remarks by Judge/Executive Reagan Taylor
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Good evening, friends—

As we gather here, along this path once walked by Daniel Boone and countless others who came seeking a new life in a new land, we find ourselves not just looking back—but looking forward.

Across Kentucky, and across the country, people are commemorating 250 years of the American story. They’re telling the tales of battles fought, towns founded, ideas born. Some moments are inspiring—revolutions, moon landings, movements for justice. Others are painful—slavery, displacement, division.

And yet, all of it belongs to us.

Because America’s story is not perfect—but it is ours. It is real. It is unfinished just like each of us.

And so we ask: **What do we want?**

We want more than just remembrance—we want responsibility.

We want more than just celebration—we want commitment.

We want more than just stories—we want progress.

What we want is a country that learns from its past to build a better future.

What we want is a community where every person feels seen,

heard, valued and respected.

What we want is to be the generation that doesn't just admire the Constitution—but lives it.

What we want is to keep moving forward—together.

From this trail to the next horizon, from Madison County to the nation beyond, we must carry forward the unfinished work of those who came before us:

To secure justice.

To ensure peace.

To pursue truth.

To create, finally, a more perfect union.

This is not the end of our journey. It's the start of the next 250 years and I am honored to be a part of such a memorable event.

Let's walk it with purpose.

Thank you.