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MUNICIPALITY OF PRIZREN JOINS OFFICIAL AMERICA250 COMMEMORATION PROJECT IN KOSOVO

Historic Partnership Highlights Prizren's Role in Celebrating America's 250th Anniversary and the Kosovo–U.S. Friendship

Washington, DC — The “America Inspires Freedom—The Kosovo Story,” Project is pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Municipality of Prizren, formalizing a strategic partnership to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America in Kosovo.

The agreement forms part of the broader "America Inspires Freedom: The Kosovo Story" project, which was officially recognized earlier this year through a Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Albanian American Foundation and America250, the United States Semiquincentennial Commission. Through that agreement, Kosovo became the first and only country outside the United States formally included in the international programming commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America.

As one of Kosovo's most historic and culturally significant cities, Prizren will host an official America250 event dedicated to celebrating the values of freedom, democracy, cultural understanding, and international friendship that have long united the people of Kosovo and the United States.



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The event will bring together local and national leaders, diplomats, educators, youth representatives, civil society organizations, and distinguished guests from the United States to reflect on the enduring partnership between the two nations and the role America has played in Kosovo's modern history.

"The friendship between Kosovo and the United States is one of the most cherished relationships in our nation's history," said Mayor Shaqir Totaj. "Prizren is honored to be selected as one of the host municipalities of the America250 Project in Kosovo and to help commemorate this historic milestone for the American people. This initiative allows us not only to celebrate America's remarkable journey over the past 250 years, but also to express our gratitude for the friendship, support, and solidarity that the United States has shown Kosovo throughout its most challenging moments. We look forward to welcoming distinguished guests and celebrating together the values that unite our nations."

The partnership between the Municipality of Prizren and the Project Team reflects a shared commitment to promoting democratic values, civic engagement, education, and international cooperation while honoring the unique and enduring bond between Kosovo and the United States.

Faton Bislimi, Founder and Project Director of the America250 Project in Kosovo, emphasized the importance of Prizren's participation in the nationwide initiative.

"Prizren occupies a special place in Kosovo's history and identity. It is therefore entirely fitting that this remarkable city be part of a commemoration honoring America's 250 years of freedom and democratic leadership. Through this partnership, we celebrate not only America's historic milestone, but also the friendship that has linked our peoples through some of the most consequential moments in Kosovo's modern history. We are grateful to Mayor Totaj and the Municipality of Prizren for embracing this historic opportunity."

The America250 Project in Kosovo will feature a series of events throughout the country, highlighting the story of the Kosovo–United States partnership and celebrating the values that have defined the American experience for 250 years.

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