

1-1 By: Raymond, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hall) H.B. No. 2703
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2025;
1-3 May 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Administration; May 12, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 12, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Hall	X		
1-9	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-10	Cook	X		
1-11	Eckhardt	X		
1-12	Kolkhorst	X		
1-13	Menéndez	X		
1-14	Middleton	X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to designating July as American Patriotism Month.
1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-19 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 662, Government Code, is
1-20 amended by adding Section 662.117 to read as follows:
1-21 Sec. 662.117. AMERICAN PATRIOTISM MONTH. (a) July is
1-22 American Patriotism Month to:
1-23 (1) celebrate the United States of America and honor
1-24 the values and principles on which it was founded; and
1-25 (2) recognize:
1-26 (A) the brave patriots who fought for the right
1-27 of self-governance in the American War of Independence and those
1-28 who volunteered to serve this country in every conflict fought
1-29 since the founding of this country;
1-30 (B) the founding fathers of the United States of
1-31 America and the framers of the Constitution;
1-32 (C) the astronauts who won the space race and
1-33 walked on the moon, and the people who supported them;
1-34 (D) the civil rights leaders and activists who
1-35 risked their lives to fight for equal rights for all Americans; and
1-36 (E) the resilience, patriotism, and unity shown
1-37 by the American people after the September 11, 2001, terror
1-38 attacks.
1-39 (b) American Patriotism Month shall be regularly observed
1-40 by appropriate ceremonies and activities that help citizens develop
1-41 a sense of national pride and national identity.
1-42 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-43 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-44 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-45 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-46 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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