

# Introduction from Secretary of the State Thomas

Dear Connecticut Residents:

In 2026, America turns 250. It's a big moment, and a great time to remember that our system of government isn't just something we learn about. It's something we live every day.

## Flat Fact from Secretary Thomas

Civic engagement isn't something that happens somewhere else. It happens all around you, every day.

Civics shows up all around us: in our communities, our conversations, and the decisions that shape our daily lives. And when you understand how it works, you're better prepared to speak up for the issues that matter to you.

That's why in honor of our state's America 250<sup>th</sup> celebrations, our office created the **Flat Roger Sherman Project**, inspired by one of Connecticut's own Founding Fathers. Roger Sherman was the only person in American history to sign all four of the nation's founding documents: the Continental Association, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the U.S. Constitution.

Sherman wasn't flashy. He didn't seek attention. But he was respected for his integrity, his practicality, and his ability to bring people together. He believed in strong communities, thoughtful governance, and **the idea that everyday citizens should have a voice in how they are governed.**

Roger Sherman reminds us that you don't have to be famous, wealthy, or extraordinary to make a difference. Flat Roger is for everyone, because we can all help shape history.



Within this packet, you'll find everything you need to take your personalized version of Flat Roger on an adventure. Be sure to use the hashtags **#CTFlatRoger**, **#CTSOTS**, and **#CT250** when you post on social media. We can't wait to see where you take him!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Thomas  
Connecticut Secretary of the State

