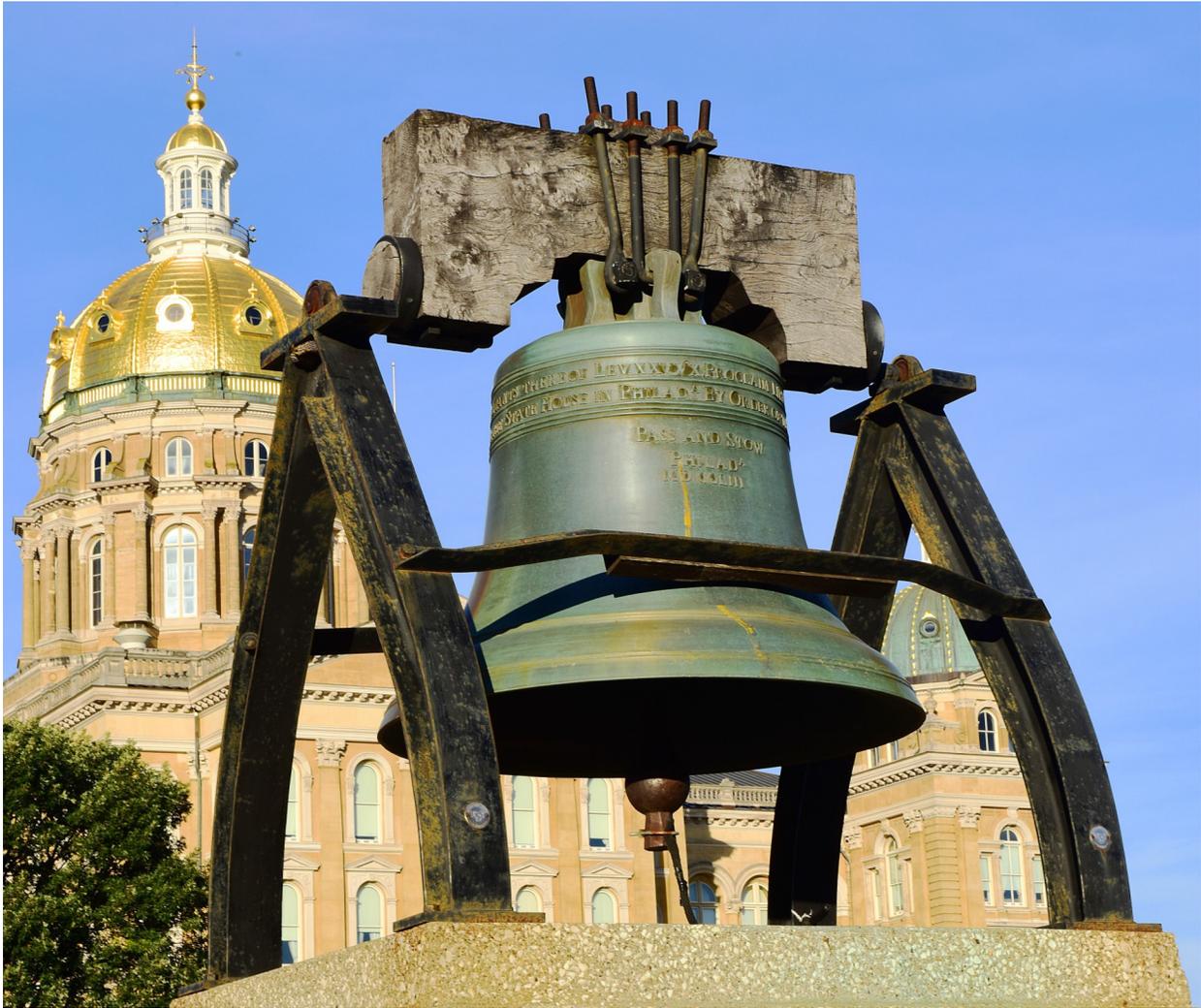


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In 1950, the U.S. Department of the Treasury commissioned 52 replicas of the original bell that summoned citizens for the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. To promote the sale of liberty bonds, these bells were given to each state as well as the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

Governor William Beardsley appropriately dedicated this symbol of independence on July 4, 1950. The bell, cast in Annecy-le-Vieux, France, weighs 2,000 pounds.