

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-10-020R

RESOLUTION FORMING THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION OF
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States, was born two hundred years ago on February 12, 1809; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln, as a circuit rider, practiced law in Champaign County in the 1840s and 1850s and spent significant time in Urbana, Champaign, and the neighboring communities developing friendships and political allies and speaking out on the issues of his day; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln became president of the United States in 1860 and led this country through the Civil War – its most severe domestic crisis; and

WHEREAS, the year 2009 will be the bicentennial anniversary of Lincoln's birth; and

WHEREAS, Champaign County and the Cities of Urbana and Champaign wish to commemorate the bicentennial anniversary with appropriate activities and remembrances through the formation of a Bicentennial Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Champaign County Board and the municipalities of Urbana and Champaign establish the Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, charged with the responsibility of coordinating and encouraging civic organizations to develop and execute activities and celebrations that are fitting and proper to honor Abraham Lincoln during and around the year 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission Membership will appointed utilizing the following criteria:

1) Appointments:

a) Individuals and/or organizations with a demonstrated interest in educating others about the importance of local historical events and people, especially Abraham Lincoln, and the appropriate means of celebrating them.

b) The commission will consist of sixteen individuals, of which five individuals and/or organizations shall be selected respectively by the Chair of the County Board and the Mayors of the Cities of Urbana and Champaign, in addition to one selection to be made by the Chair of the County Board who will be a representative from the University of Illinois.

c) If any member resigns from the commission, a replacement member will be appointed by the entity who made the original appointment.

2) Terms: Members shall be appointed for the life of the Commission and serve at the discretion of the County Board Chair and the Mayors. The first meeting of the Bicentennial Commission will be called by the County Board Chair no later than October 10, 2007.

3) Chair : The Commission shall select a Chair from among its members. The Chair shall submit to the local governments a written report of activities at three month intervals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission shall terminate on December

31, 2009.

PRESENTED, ADOPTED, APPROVED and RECORDED by the Champaign County Board this 20th day of September, 2007.

C. Pius Weibel, Chair
Champaign County Board

ATTEST:

Mark Shelden, County Clerk and
Ex-Officio Clerk of the County Board

PRESENTED, ADOPTED, APPROVED and RECORDED by the Urbana City Council this _____ day of _____, 2007.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor
City of Urbana

ATTEST:

Phyllis Clark, City Clerk of the City
of Urbana

PRESENTED, ADOPTED, APPROVED and RECORDED by the Champaign City Council this _____ day of _____, 2007.

Jerry Schweighart, Mayor
City of Champaign

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Champaign