

November 8, 2017

To: Urbana City Council & Mayor

From: Charlie

We have received a request via IML to participate in supporting Illinois Bicentennial efforts and events.

DATE: October 19, 2017

TO: Municipal Clerks

FROM: Brad Cole, Executive Director
Illinois Municipal League

RE: Resolution Celebrating Illinois' Bicentennial

The Illinois Municipal League (IML) is pleased to partner with the Illinois Bicentennial Commission to promote opportunities for our member municipalities to celebrate Illinois' 200th birthday. Toward that end, we have crafted a sample resolution, [which is available via this link](#), that your municipality can adopt at an upcoming city council or village board meeting. Ideally, the resolution should be adopted prior to or soon after December 3, 2017. Once adopted, please send a copy of your resolution to me for inclusion in a packet of all municipal resolutions that will be formally presented to the Illinois Bicentennial Commission for historical purposes.

For more information on the Illinois Bicentennial, visit <http://www.illinois200.com>. There you can view events planned throughout the state, which take place from December 3, 2017 until Illinois' official birthday on December 3, 2018.

If your community plans any special Bicentennial events, we would appreciate hearing about them. We may even share photos of the event in our IML *Review* magazine coverage of the Bicentennial throughout the year. Please share event details with Rebecca Turner at rturner@iml.org.

As always, please feel welcome to contact me with any comments or questions. Thank you.

BRAD COLE | Executive Director

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RESOLUTION No. 2017-11-074R

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ILLINOIS BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

WHEREAS, August 26, 2018, will mark the 200th anniversary of the adoption of the Illinois Constitution of 1818 at the Kaskaskia Convention; and

WHEREAS, December 3, 2018, will mark the 200th anniversary of the admission of Illinois to the Union as a state; and

WHEREAS, the bicentennial of our statehood is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the many cultural, economic, academic and political contributions that Illinois and its residents have made to the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, commemorations and celebrations will enable and encourage Illinoisans of all ages and backgrounds, together with visitors, to experience Illinois' 1,298 cities, villages and towns, thereby stimulating the Illinois economy; and

WHEREAS, our community recognizes the importance of the bicentennial celebration as a way to honor the citizens and the history of our great state, and set a course for success over our next 200 years; and

WHEREAS, our community, through its various councils, committees and congregations, should work together with the Illinois Bicentennial Commission and the state's citizens, businesses, and cultural and educational institutions to share our vision and projects to mark the 200th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, participation in Illinois' bicentennial celebration is a unique opportunity to honor and showcase the state during this historic time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City of Urbana endorses the efforts of the Illinois Bicentennial Commission in promoting, planning and executing historic, educational, celebratory and cultural initiatives and further resolves to recognize and celebrate the bicentennial of the state of Illinois.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____, 2017.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

Charles A. Smyth, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor