



October 21, 2015

Greetings,

Indiana celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of statehood on December 11, 2016. In anticipation of that singular moment in history, the Indiana Bicentennial Commission launches the celebratory year on December 11, 2015. The Association of Indiana Counties is a proud partner in the Bicentennial effort.

The Bicentennial is an opportunity for all Hoosiers to reflect on the lessons of the past, consider our place in the present, and lay a path for future generations to follow. The theme of the Bicentennial, "Celebrate History, Ignite the Future" encourages us all to reflect and respond.

Today, there are more than 600 endorsed Bicentennial Legacy Projects in all 92 counties. Our goal is to ensure that all citizens are aware of the Bicentennial and have the opportunity to participate in events, projects and activities that will not only commemorate this time, but leave legacies for our children.

The Indiana Bicentennial Commission has partnered with the Association of Indiana Counties to present this flag and draft proclamation for your county. The AIC Board of Directors submitted this idea for endorsement as a Legacy Project, so each county can participate in and show support for the Bicentennial year.

It is our hope that you will read the enclosed proclamation or a similar proclamation of your own, on December 11, 2015 at noon EST, and proudly raise the flag, as together we celebrate the beginning of the Bicentennial year.

The Indiana Bicentennial Commission and the Association of Indiana Counties are proud partners in this project. We recognize the strength and creativity throughout Indiana, and encourage your county and the cities and towns within its borders to join with us to make the Bicentennial celebration truly memorable for all Hoosiers. If either of our groups can provide any service to you during the year, please reach out to us.

Here's to a great Bicentennial year!

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