

# RESOLUTION NO. 01-19-01-2016

RESOLUTION NO. 01-19-01-2016 ENDORCING AND SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE ALABAMA BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION IN ASHLAND, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, the United States Congress created the Alabama Territory from the eastern half of the Mississippi Territory on March 3, 1817; and,

WHEREAS, by 1819, the birth and growth of cities, towns, and communities in the Alabama Territory ensured that the population of the Territory had developed sufficiently to achieve the minimum number of inhabitants required by Congress to qualify for Statehood; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and President James Monroe approved Statehood for the Alabama Territory on December 14, 1819 making it the nation's 22<sup>nd</sup> state; and,

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature approved a resolution in 2013 establishing the Alabama Bicentennial Commission to mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Statehood; and,

WHEREAS, constitutional officers and other official appointed Commission members to organize and execute a Bicentennial celebration intended to improve the education and understanding of all Alabamians and visitors regarding the state's history and heritage; and to create and promote lasting initiatives designed to benefit the State and its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Bicentennial period of reflection and commemoration, 2017 to 2019, has been divided into three thematic years to acknowledge distinctly: the environment, both natural and constructed, including especially the cities, towns, and communities which compose the State; the people, regardless of race, culture, or background; and the history, both ancient and recent, of the State of Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, commemorations and celebrations will enable and encourage Alabamians of all ages and backgrounds, as well as visitors from around the United States and beyond, to experience Alabama's rich and diverse cultural, historic, and natural resources, thereby stimulating the economy of Alabama through local economic growth; and,

WHEREAS, full participation and contributory efforts by the localities of the State through their various councils, committees, and congregations, are paramount to the success of this historic endeavor; and,

WHEREAS, participation in Alabama's Bicentennial is a unique opportunity to celebrate uplift the states during a very specific historical milestone;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HERBY PRCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of Ashland, Alabama, that by this action, they do endorse the efforts of the Alabama Bicentennial Commission and hereby resolve to aid the Alabama Bicentennial Commission in promoting, planning, and executing the Commission's historic, educational, celebratory, and cultural initiatives by forming a Community Celebration Committee to support the Statewide and local observances and celebrations of the Bicentennial of the State of Alabama.

THIS RESOLUTION IS HEREBY ADOPTED by the City Council of Ashland, Alabama this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

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Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_