

**COUNTY OF UNION,
ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS BICENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION**

WHEREAS, the Illinois Territory was established as an organized incorporated territory of the United States by an Organic Act of the 10th United States Congress on February 3rd, 1809, and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Enabling Act was passed by the United States Congress on April 18, 1818, providing for the organization of state government, and

WHEREAS, President James Monroe signed a resolution of the United States Congress on December 3, 1818 making Illinois the 21st state of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the county of Union was established on January 2, 1818 by an act of the legislature of the Illinois Territory for the purpose of adding a part of Pope County to Johnson County, and forming a new county out of Johnson County, now known as Union County, and

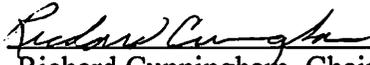
WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois recognizes the upcoming bicentennial anniversary of the founding of our state and of our county:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois:

1: Recognize and support the efforts of the Bicentennial Celebration organization as a regional consortium of 37 counties that is formed to develop and promote region-wide bicentennial celebration activities and programs to promote local projects and events as a growth driver for economic development and regional tourism.

2: Recognize and support the proposed Bicentennial Celebration period of January 1, 2018 through January 1, 2021 as the timeline of historical, educational, and promotional activities honoring our heritage, celebrating our present, and exploring our future.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois this 27th day of May, 2016.


Richard Cunningham, Chairman

ATTEST:


Terry Beltruff
Union County Clerk

Commissioners voting aye: Cunningham, Toler, Miller, Russell

Commissioners voting nay: _____

Abstention(s): _____

Absent: Hartline