

## **RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, on July 5, 1819, a convention convened in Huntsville, Alabama Territory, to draft a Constitution to enable Alabama to become a state; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 2, 1819, all forty-four delegates from the twenty-two counties of Alabama Territory signed the Constitution in Huntsville and transmitted a copy of the document to Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 14, 1819, President James Monroe signed the Resolution of Admission passed by Congress making Alabama the twenty-second state of the United States; 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 officials 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**, commemorations and celebrations will enable and encourage Alabamians of all ages and backgrounds, together with visitors, to experience Alabama's rich cultural, historic, and natural resources, thereby stimulating the economy of Alabama through local economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019 all eyes will be on Huntsville and Madison County as the birthplace of the of the place of the State of Alabama as the Bicentennial is celebrated statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in Alabama's Bicentennial is an unique opportunity to celebrate and uplift the State during this historic time.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Mayor and Huntsville City Council that the Huntsville City Council does hereby endorse the efforts of the Alabama Bicentennial Commission in promoting, planning and executing the Commission's historic, educational, celebratory, and cultural initiatives, and to that end, the Chairman of the Madison County Commission, the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, and the Mayor of the City of Madison have appointed a Bicentennial Committee to plan, coordinate, observe and commemorate the Bicentennial of the State of Alabama.

**ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

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President of the City Council of  
Huntsville, Alabama

**APPROVED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama