



RESOLUTION 2017-07 APPOINTING AD HOC COMMITTEE TO ENDORSE EFFORTS OF THE ALABAMA BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

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 twenty-second state; and,

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature approved a resolution in 2013 establishing the Alabama Bicentennial Commission to mark the 200th 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, 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,

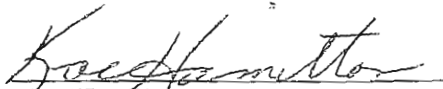
WHEREAS, commemorations and celebrations will enable and encourage Alabamians of all ages and backgrounds, together with visitors, to experience Alabama's rich cultural, historic, and natural resources, thereby stimulating the economy of Alabama through local economic growth; and,

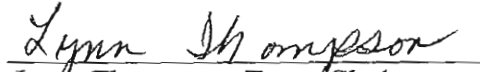
WHEREAS, full participation and contributory efforts by the localities of the State, through their various councils, committees, and congregations, are paramount to the success of this historic endeavor; and,

WHEREAS, participation in Alabama's bicentennial is a unique opportunity to celebrate and uplift the State during this historic time;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby proclaimed by the Town Council of the Town of Perdido Beach, that by this action, they 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 or supporting a Community Celebration Committee to observe and commemorate the bicentennial of the State of Alabama.

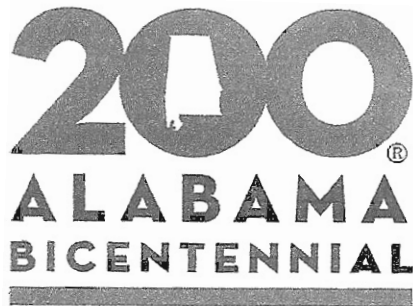
ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 20th day of April, 2017 by the Town Council in regular session assembled and under the Seal of the Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama.


Kae Hamilton, Mayor


Lynn Thompson, Town Clerk

Celebrating our Past; Charting our Future.

Form your Official Celebration Committee Today!

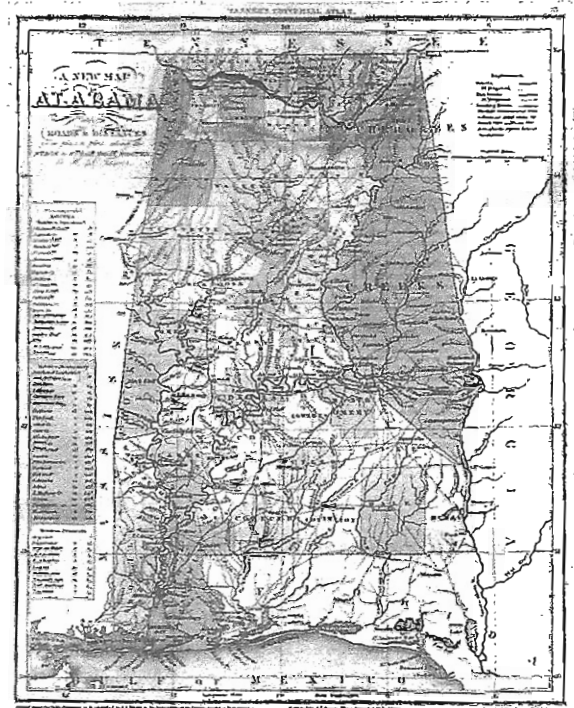


Alabama's Bicentennial, which will be celebrated 2017-2019, is a unique opportunity for our local governments to participate in a very specific historical milestone. The Bicentennial Commission and the Alabama League of Municipalities encourages every municipality to be part of the Bicentennial process by forming an official **Community Celebration Committee**. In addition, the

counties have been encouraged to form Celebration Committees.

Options are endless!

Some municipalities may decide to take on a special project for the Bicentennial, such as the addition of a historical marker or renovating a historic structure. Official Celebration Committees can use the ALABAMA 200 branding to broaden outreach and highlight some of the elements that make your community unique and historically significant. It's also another way to market your area to visitors. **Official Bicentennial Community Celebration Committees can apply for limited grant funding, which will be awarded in late 2017 on a first come, first serve basis.**



How do we form an official Celebration Committee?

In order to apply for grant funding or to receive ALABAMA 200

promotional and branding materials from the Bicentennial Commission, your municipality must designate an official community-wide Community Celebration Committee that is approved via special resolution by the mayor and council. Download the necessary resolution at alabama200.org under the 'Participate' tab at the top – click on the "Form a Committee" link. A

copy of your resolution, as well as the contact information for the Chair of your Community Celebration Committee, must then be submitted to the Bicentennial Commission, which is forming a database to enable the Commission to send relevant information to the correct people and to keep a current list of Bicentennial projects and activities.



Community Celebration Committees can be composed of *anyone* from your community, especially people from historical, educational, cultural and/or civic and community organizations such as schools, libraries, history/heritage groups, tourism/economic development organizations, etc. We encourage you to engage your community leaders, activists and historians in this process.

Mail or email a copy of your resolution as well as your committee chair person's contact information to: Jay Lamar, Alabama Bicentennial Commission, 401 Adams Street, Suite 108, Montgomery, AL 36104 or jay.lamar@bicentennial.alabama.gov.

Alabama200.org