

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 RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Dothan, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. The City of Dothan endorses the efforts of the Alabama Bicentennial Commission and hereby resolves 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.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on _____.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

Associate Commissioner-District 1

Associate Commissioner-District 2

Associate Commissioner-District 3

Associate Commissioner-District 4

Associate Commissioner-District 5

Associate Commissioner-District 6
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS