

RESOLUTION 2016-32

A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE ADMISSION OF INDIANA INTO STATEHOOD IN 1816 and AFFIRMING PARTICIPATION IN THE INDIANA FIRST US FLAG DISPLAY LEGACY PROJECT

WHEREAS, The year 2016 is the 200th anniversary of the admission of Indiana on December 11, 2016 as the 19th state of the United States of America;

WHEREAS, Lake County, Indiana with the approval of the Indiana Bicentennial Commission (IBC) has adopted the legacy project of flying a flag identical to the flag that was flown after Indiana was admitted to the Union;

WHEREAS, After the 1795 Flag, which featured 15 stars and stripes, the United States flag design rules were modified by Congress, stipulating that the United States Flag would be fixed at 13 stripes and as each state was admitted, a star would be added to the blue Union of the Flag;

WHEREAS, The first time that Indiana's presence in the blue Union of the United States Flag was in 1818 when the United States Congress authorized a flag with 20 stars;

WHEREAS, The Indiana Bicentennial Commission, upon application of the Lake County Committee, did approve a project, styled as the Indiana First US Flag Display Legacy Project, and designated it an *Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project*;

WHEREAS, For historical purposes, consistent with the Indiana US Flag Display Legacy Project and in commemoration of Indiana's admission to the Union, the 20 star 1818 flag will be flown by Lake County, Indiana and its 19 cities and towns from noon August 5, 2016 to December 11, 2016;

WHEREAS, The retired 1818 United States flag should be permanently framed and enshrined at the Griffith Town Hall with a plaque that states, "*This 1818 Flag of the United States of America, the first Flag of the United States to display a star representing Indiana, was flown by the County of Lake and its 19 cities and towns from August 5, 2016 to December 11, 2106 to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of Indiana Statehood.*"

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NOW THEREFORE, The Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, hereby commemorates and honors the admission of Indiana as the 19th State of the United States of America in 1816 as follows:

Section 1. On August 5, 2016 at 12:00 PM a formal hoisting of the 20 star 1818 US flag will be conducted, with appropriate pith and moment;

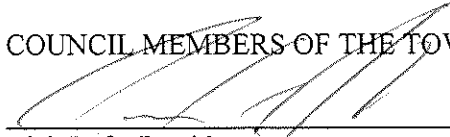
Section 2. The 20 star 1818 US flag will remain on the staff near the CITY/TOWN Hall during the period August 5, 2016 through December 11, 2016, accompanied by an explanatory sign, featuring the Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project Logo;

Section 3. On December 11, 2016, a formal retiring of the 20 star 1818 US flag with the appropriate pith and moment will be conducted at 12:00 PM;

Section 4. The 20 star 1818 US flag will be retired to an appropriate permanent exhibit, enshrined at the Griffith Town Hall with a plaque that states, *"This 1818 Flag of the United States of America, the first Flag of the United States to display a star representing Indiana, was flown by the County of Lake and its 19 cities and towns from August 5, 2016 to December 11, ~~2016~~ to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of Indiana Statehood."* 2016

DULY RESOLVED and ADOPTED this 2nd day of August 2016 by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana.

COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA


Rick Ryfa, President

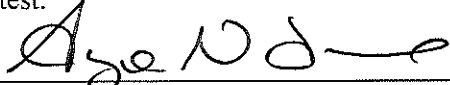

Patricia Schaad


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ABSENT
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Attest:


George N Jerome
Clerk-Treasurer