

RESOLUTION 18-07

TO RECOGNIZE THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

WHEREAS, on Saturday, April 11, 1818 the Monroe County Commissioners at their second-ever meeting declared the name of the county's seat of justice to be "Bloomington", and ordered it to be platted and the plats auctioned off in June of that year;

WHEREAS, the town incorporated its own first government in 1845 with a council and a mayor, voted to incorporate as a city in 1876, and a city government has operated continuously since, under 24 mayors and more than 200 members of city council;

WHEREAS, the population of Bloomington, which began as a hamlet of approximately 140 persons, has grown every decade since its founding, and as of 2016 is a city of 84,465, the seventh-largest in the Hoosier State;

WHEREAS, while there are copycat cities in several other states, the city of Bloomington in the state of Indiana is the oldest so named, arguably the most famous, and will, by the end of this decade at current growth rates, once again be the most populous;

WHEREAS, many have gathered here in City Hall today, to observe the two-hundredth anniversary of the city's founding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

The Common Council of the City of Bloomington notes with pride two centuries of the city's existence, with hope that Bloomington will become an ever more welcoming and good place in the centuries to come.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this 11th day of April, 2018.

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DOROTHY GRANGER, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

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NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 12th day of April, 2018.

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NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 12th day of April, 2018.

John Hamilton
JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution is sponsored by Councilmember Volan and recognizes the bicentennial of the City of Bloomington. The resolution is part of a Special Bicentennial Celebration Session held by the Bloomington Common Council on April 11, 2018.