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### **Indiana Bicentennial Commission Endorses Third Round of Legacy Projects for Indiana's 2016 Bicentennial**

**Indianapolis, IN** –The Indiana Bicentennial Commission announced today the third round of officially endorsed legacy projects.

Bicentennial Legacy Project Endorsement is a growing grassroots Indiana Bicentennial Commission initiative. Twenty-six Bicentennial Legacy Project Endorsement Applications, representing 18 counties, were approved at the July 11 Commission board meeting.

"The key to the Legacy Project success is to get the word out," said Judge Sarah Evans Barker, Commission member. "People need to know about this opportunity to get the Bicentennial Commission's 'stamp of approval.'"

Legacy Projects are generated by community members and endorsed by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission on a quarterly basis. These projects strive to leave a lasting legacy in honor of Indiana's 2016 Bicentennial. Legacy projects must be open and accessible to the public, achievable, fundable without Commission support and relevant to Indiana and the state's bicentennial.

Projects and partners include "Chinese in Indiana" and "Indiana African American Heritage Trail" honoring diverse contributions to the state: Madison STEAMpower - an education initiative connecting Indiana history to science, technology, engineering, arts and math curricula; agri-tourism projects such as 4-H fairs and antique farm machinery exhibits; and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival that celebrates Indiana's automotive heritage.

Projects must meet at least one of the following goals or characteristics: be culturally inclusive; create a legacy for the future; be celebratory; or engage and inspire youth and young adults.

A full list of endorsed Bicentennial Legacy Projects can be found at: [www.indiana2016.org/BicentennialLegacyProjects](http://www.indiana2016.org/BicentennialLegacyProjects).

To complete an endorsement application visit: <http://www.indiana2016.org/events-programs/programs/>

The number of Indiana's bicentennial partnerships is increasing. Visit, [www.indiana2016.org](http://www.indiana2016.org), the official Indiana Bicentennial website, to meet commission members, follow the progress of key Bicentennial activities, learn about events statewide, share what you love about Indiana in "Hoosier Insights" and volunteer to help your community "Celebrate history, Ignite the future."

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#### ***About the 2016 Indiana Bicentennial Commission (IBC)***

*The Indiana Bicentennial Commission is a gubernatorial appointed, fifteen member commission, chaired by former Lt. Governor Becky Skillman and former Congressman Lee Hamilton charged with overseeing the planning and execution of a statewide celebration for Indiana's 200th birthday. Indiana's 2016 Bicentennial celebration aims to honor our state's 200 years of history, but do so in a modern way that engages all 6.5 million Hoosiers and leaves a lasting legacy for future generations. The commission encourages every community in Indiana to take part in this unique celebration. First Lady Karen Pence serves as the official Bicentennial Ambassador.*