

STATEHOOD DAY CELEBRATION !!

DECEMBER 11th, 2013

INDIANA'S **197th**  
BIRTHDAY

Greetings!

As governor, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our state capitol to celebrate Indiana Statehood Day. It was 1816 when Indiana became the 19<sup>th</sup> state in the Union, and I am thrilled you are here today to celebrate Indiana's 197<sup>th</sup> birthday.

In honor of this special occasion, you will participate in many exciting activities and learn more about all that makes Indiana great, including our rich history, cherished traditions, and hard-working leaders who brought us to statehood.

I hope this will be a fun and rewarding experience that will inspire you all to continue to work hard, dream big, and be proud of your Hoosier state.

Sincerely,

*Michael R. Pence*





## **PROGRAM**

### **PROCESSION**

Gordon Pipers, Bagpiper - Ron Harris

### **PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS**

Ceremonial Color Guard of Indiana

MSG Richard Joyce, 81st T.C.

### **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Plainfield High School, Belles et Beaux

Under the direction of Jonelle Heaton

### **WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

#### **SENATOR JIM MERRITT**

Indiana State Senate

#### **JIM CORRIDAN AND ALAN JANUARY**

Indiana State Archives

#### **GOVERNOR MIKE PENCE**

#### **CHIEF JUSTICE BRENT DIXON**

Indiana Supreme Court

#### **“Hold Steady the Gate”**

Plainfield High School, Belles et Beaux

#### **“HOOSIER BICENNTENNIAL HEROES”**

First Place: Andrew Knight

Our Lady of Grace, Noblesville

#### **“Back Home Again in Indiana”**

Belles et Beaux

Plainfield High School

### **RETIRING OF THE COLORS**

**RECESS TO THE ROTUNDA FOR INSTALLATION OF THE  
1816 AND 1851 CONSTITUTIONS**

*Special thanks to the Family and Social Services  
Administration for providing the live webcast of today's  
program .*







**SENATOR JIM MERRITT:** Senator Merritt is serving his sixth term in the Indiana Senate and is Majority Caucus chair. He also chairs the Senate Committee on Utilities and Regulatory Affairs. A strong advocate for families and children, he has authored measures such as the Safe Haven Law, Indiana's Lifeline Law, texting while driving and legislation making synthetic drugs such as bath salts and spice illegal. An avid history enthusiast, Merritt is author of "Passing the Torch."

**CHIEF JUSTICE BRENT DICKSON:** Brent E. Dickson was appointed to the Indiana Supreme Court in January, 1986 by Governor Robert D. Orr. He spent 17 years as a general practice lawyer in Lafayette. He became Chief Justice of Indiana in May 2012. Born in Gary, Indiana, he was educated at public schools in Hobart and then went on to receive his Bachelor's at Purdue University and his J.D. from Indiana University McKinney School of Law. Chief Justice Dickson has served as an adjunct professor at both Indiana University's Maurer School of Law in Bloomington and its McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis. He is currently on the Board of Directors of the Conference of Chief Justices.



**STATE ARCHIVIST JIM CORRIDAN:** Jim was appointed as State Archivist by Governor Mitch Daniels in 2005, and re-appointed by Governor Pence in 2013. He is the Director of the Indiana Commission on Public Records, which is responsible for oversight of State and Local Government records in Indiana. He is immediate past president of the national Council of State Archivists, founded the national State Electronic Records Initiative, is on the Coordinating Committee for the Library of Congress' National Digital Stewardship Alliance and serves as President of the Grouseland Foundation, the home of William Henry Harrison. He is currently writing a history of the 1816 Constitutional Convention.

#### **SCHOOLS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE STATE HOUSE**

St. John Lutheran, Indianapolis      St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis  
Hope Elementary, Hope      Our Lady of Greenwood, Greenwood  
Hasten Hebrew, Indianapolis      Mintonye, Lafayette  
Center For Inquiry, Indianapolis      Our Lady of Grace, Noblesville  
CSA, Fodrea Campus, Columbus

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Collection of Jeff Bercowitz  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Indiana Members Credit Union**

# **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

## **“HOOSIER BICENTENNIAL HEROES”**

Essays contest managed and judged by State Library staff. Four place winners were chosen and each winner is invited to celebrations at the State House, the State Museum, History Center and State Library to read their essay !

### **ESSAY JUDGES FROM THE STATE LIBRARY**

Brent Abercrombie, Daina Bohr, Adam Bowling, Shauna Borger, Roberta Brooker, Kimberly Brown-Harden, Connie Bruder, Jennifer Clifton, Justin Davis, Bethany Fiechter, Andrea Glenn, Mike Hicks, Wendy Knapp, Jocelyn Lewis, Chandler Lighty, Sara O'Sha, Katie Springer, Emily Schaber, Jill Stange, Suzanne Walker, Sylvia Watson and Laura Williams.

### **THE INDIANA STATE TREASURER**

Provides each winner a with a 529 College Scholarship Savings Account.

### **INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

Created and printed the Statehood Day Program

### **INDIANA STATE LIBRARY**

Created and printed the Statehood Day Student Guidebook.

### **LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL**

Mr. Dick Alter and the students from Lutheran High School guided our 4th grade visitors through the morning activities.

### **INDIANA MEMBERS CREDIT UNION**

Provided snacks and water for all of the 4th graders.

**First Lady of Indiana KAREN PENCE,  
Court of Appeals Judge NANCY VAIDK,  
Superintendent of Public Instruction, GLENDA RITZ  
Supreme Court Justice, ROBERT RUCKER,  
Secretary of State, CONNIE LAWSON  
Supreme Court JUSTICE MARK MASSA**

Hosting the simultaneous programs held at the State Museum, Historical Society and State Library

# *Tour* the capitol



## THE INDIANA STATE CAPITOL TOUR OFFICE

**The Tour Staff gives tours and greets people visiting our capitol building from all over the state, the country and the world ! We tell about the history of Indiana and the unique and beautiful building in which our government is at work. We help educate students and adults about the process of state government, current events, and the people who are making history here every day. Please visit our website at [www.in.gov/idoa/2442.htm](http://www.in.gov/idoa/2442.htm) for more information!**



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