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Indiana Bicentennial Commission Invites Hoosiers to Share Insights

Indianapolis, IN – Today, the Indiana Bicentennial Commission officially launched a new section of their website aimed at engaging Hoosiers across the world.

‘Hoosier Insights’ is an online platform from which Hoosiers can share what they love about Indiana: Their county, about being a Hoosier, a favorite Indiana moment, historical site, state park, festival or get-away destination.

Governor Mike Pence and First Lady Karen Pence, the official Bicentennial Ambassador, recently shared their ‘Hoosier Insights’ about two “must see” Indiana sites:

“Bartholomew County is home to a beautifully renovated ice cream parlor called Zaharakos. It’s one of our family’s favorite spots to stop and grab lunch or an ice cream soda and listen to the pipe organ play. In Marion County, we love the State Fairgrounds’ Pepsi Coliseum, the site of our first date. The Coliseum is being renovated and will host a variety of events besides ice skating like college basketball, equestrian events, and concerts,” said Governor and First Lady Pence.

The aim of Hoosier Insights is to share one’s take on “all things Hoosier” and to gain from the insights of others from across the world. Website visitors have access to the writing of fellow Hoosiers – from published authors – to everyday people.

The Commission hopes that a variety of Hoosiers will take the opportunity to share their own brand of Hoosier lore. The diversity of voices can bring Hoosiers in all 92 counties closer together as “One Indiana” – ready to celebrate Indiana’s bicentennial.

Submissions can be made online for potential publication on the Indiana Bicentennial Commission’s website. Log on the website, www.indiana2016.org, to learn more.

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About the 2016 Indiana Bicentennial Commission (IBC)

In December 2011, former Governor Mitch Daniels appointed a fifteen member commission, chaired by former Lt. Governor Becky Skillman and former Congressman Lee Hamilton, to oversee 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 will encourage each community in Indiana to take part in this unique celebration. First Lady

Karen Pence serves as the official Bicentennial Ambassador.