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Indiana Bicentennial Commission Endorses

Second Round of Legacy Projects for Indiana's 2016 Bicentennial

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

"The diversity of these Legacy Projects exemplifies the strong grassroots momentum the Bicentennial Commission is seeing every day," said First Lady Karen Pence, the official Indiana Bicentennial Ambassador.

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 Bicentennial in 2016. Legacy projects are deemed open and accessible to the public, fundable (without Commission support) and achievable as an impactful contribution to Indiana's legacy.

Projects and partners include "Bisontennial," a community art project involving 8th grade students, Manchester University students as well as community organizations, the Society of Indiana Pioneers, and ArtSmart: Indiana, a new way to engage young Hoosiers in Indiana's history through art, just to name a few.

Projects must meet at least one of the following goals or characteristics: culturally inclusive; creates a legacy for the future; celebratory; and/or engages and inspires youth and young adults.

A full list of endorsed Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Projects can be found at: www.indiana2016.org. A downloadable application can also be found on the website.

Recently launched, www.indiana2016.org is the official Indiana Bicentennial website. On the website, meet commission members, follow the progress of key Bicentennial focuses, learn about state-wide events and help "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 will encourage each community in Indiana to take part in this unique celebration. First Lady Karen Pence serves as the official Bicentennial Ambassador.