

RESOLUTION NO. 06062022-1

BICENTENNIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Henry County, Indiana, named in honor of patriot Patrick Henry, governor of Virginia, who historically proclaimed "Give me Liberty or Give me Death," was created from the Delaware New Purchase and officially organized on June 1, 1822; and

WHEREAS, the County, the paradigm for author Ross Lockridge's *Raintree County*, encompasses 392 square miles and includes the Old National Road, also known as U.S. 40, which is the oldest of the Crossroads of America and spans across the entire southern part of the County; and

WHEREAS, Henry County is rich in history, and has had fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters who have served their country in every branch of the armed forces throughout our nation's life span, and includes many museums such as the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame dedicated to Indiana High School basketball, the Henry County Historical Society Museum which is dedicated to its own local history and located in the home of Civil War General William Grose, and a museum located at the birthplace of aviation pioneer Wilbur Wright.

WHEREAS, the County's beautiful landscape is evident wherever one turns and is most prevalent in its welcoming parks, lakes, and trails, including the Henry County Veterans' Memorial Park, Summit Lake State Park, and Westwood Park; and

WHEREAS, the arts are alive and well-respected throughout the County with the Historic Guyer Opera House and the Art Association of Henry County and Arts Park being just a few of the focal points in a community that is proud to be the birthplace of famed LOVE artist Robert Indiana, and the location of two fabled gymnasiums; the home court for the movie Hoosiers, which is located in Knightstown, and the World's Largest and Finest High School Fieldhouse located in New Castle; and

WHEREAS, Henry County has a rich tradition is both agriculture and manufacturing and was once the home of the Maxwell automobile factory, the Jesse French Piano Company, the Hoosier Manufacturing Company (which was famous for Hoosier Cabinets), and the American Beauty Rose, and is currently home of numerous manufacturers, many small independently-owned businesses, and an infinite number upstanding and inspiring citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE, INDIANA:

- 1.) The month of June 2022 will be the celebration of Henry County's Bicentennial (200 years); and
- 2.) yes, Basketball Lives Here. So does the spirit of "Hoosier Hospitality."

ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Greg York, Presiding Officer,
Common Council, City
of New Castle, Indiana

ATTEST:

Brenda Grider, Clerk-Treasurer

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APPROVED BY ME THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Greg York, Mayor of the City
of New Castle, Indiana