Resolution No. 14-0725

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A "CELEBRATION TASK FORCE" TO PLAN FOR IOWA COUNTY'S 200TH YEAR CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, In 1829, an act by the legislative authority of the Territory of Michigan was adopted to organize the county of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Samuel W. Beals and Lewis Grignon of the county of Brown, and Jospeh M. Street of the county of Crawford were appointed commissioners to fix the seat of justice of said county of Iowa beginning the first day of January next ensuing; and

WHEREAS, Iowa County has evolved in many ways since its birth; starting with mining and agriculture, and after two hundred years seeing significant growth into a commercial and business hub, while maintaining its strong agricultural backbone, preserve its unique geography, natural resources and history, and

WHEREAS, it is time to celebrate the people, landmarks, businesses, and area agricultural achievements, and land preservation that have all helped lowa County become what it is today.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors hereby creates a Celebration Task Force to begin discussing and planning events for the 200th year celebration. The Celebration Task Force shall:

- 1. Educate themselves on the history of Iowa County.
- 2. Prepare a year of events in celebration of the 200th year and establish a marketing plan for said events.
- 3. Develop community group partnerships to help manage and plan for county-wide events.
- 4. Establish a budget, including fundraising and grant opportunities to address expenses that may arise in planning and or celebration activities.
- 5. Determine a location and budget for a commemorative stone or sculpture to honor the accomplishment of our sustained good governance.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Celebration Task Force shall be comprised of seven voting members who shall serve two-year terms:

- a. One Iowa County Supervisor
- b. Two representatives from Historical Society or similar organizations.
- c. Four Citizen Members representing various geographical areas of Iowa County.
- d. The Celebration Task Force shall sunset on 12/31/2029.

Respectfully submitted by the General Government Committee. Adopted this 15th day of July, 2025.

hn M. Meyers, County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Megan Gurrie, County Clerk