



200th Bicentennial Celebration of the Founding of Warrick County
And
Inaugural Event April 7, 2013

WHEREAS, the first known white settlement in the area now known as Warrick County was near the present site of Newburgh, Indiana, when John Sprinkle landed and made a homestead in 1803, and many settlers followed Sprinkle into this area over the course of the next decade, and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Territorial Legislature was in session between February 1 and March 13, 1813, and during that session the Territorial Legislature passed an act that formed two new counties in southwestern Indiana, namely the Counties of Warrick to the South and Gibson to the North. The creation of the County of Warrick was effective April 1, 1813; and

WHEREAS, Warrick County was named after Capt. Jacob Warrick, a personal friend of General William Henry Harrison, who fought Tecumseh's Indiana Confederation at the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811, where he was mortally wounded and died as the battle was turning in favor of Harrison's troops; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and communities of the great County of Warrick have banded together and have elected to honor the pioneers of the County and its founding in 1813, and have initiated a year long celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the founding of Warrick County; and

WHEREAS, as its inaugural Bicentennial event the Warrick County Bicentennial Steering Committee, consisting of volunteers from many organizations included the Warrick County Museum, the Newburgh Museum Foundation, the Museum of the Coal Industry and Historic Newburgh, have organized a Public Lecture and Forum to be held on Sunday, April 7, 2013, beginning at 2:00 pm at Preservation Hall in Newburgh, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, at the inaugural Bicentennial Event and Public Lecture, Dr. Jim Madison, the Thomas and Kathryn Miller Professor Emeritus of History at Indiana University, has graciously joined the citizens and communities of Warrick County to

discuss the history of Southern Indiana and Warrick County, from its beginnings as its pioneers wrote a Constitution, cleared fields, and sent flatboats down the Ohio River, and to offer us insights into the legacy of our pioneers and founders.

HEREFORE, the Commissioners of the County of Warrick, Indiana, in recognition of the 200th Anniversary of founding of Warrick County, hereby proclaims 2013 as the Bicentennial of the great County of Warrick, and hereby proclaims the festivities celebrating our Bicentennial to be officially opened at this, the inaugural event of the Warrick County Bicentennial celebrations. The Commissioners of Warrick County also hereby calls upon and encourages its citizens and communities throughout the County to celebrate 2013 as our Bicentennial and to support and attend the celebration events throughout the year.

in testimony hereof, we have hereto set our hands and caused to be affixed hereto the great seal of Warrick County at the County Commissioners Chamber in Boonville, Indiana, this 25th day of March, 2013

WARRICK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Don Williams
Don Williams, President

Marlin Weishart
Marlin Weishart, Vice Pres.

Richard A. Reid
Richard A. Reid, Member

ATTEST:

L.B. "Dixie" Dugan
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Warrick County Auditor

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