

# FORD COUNTY BOARD BICENTENNIAL PROCLAMATION 2017

## ILLINOIS BICENTENNIAL FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

**WHEREAS**, Sunday, December 3, 2017, marks Illinois' 199<sup>th</sup> birthday, as Illinois became the 21<sup>st</sup> state in the union on December 3, 1818; and,

**WHEREAS**, Illinois Bicentennial will be a yearlong celebration between December 3, 2017, and December 3, 2018, which will be our state's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday; and,

**WHEREAS**, Illinois Bicentennial will remind us all that, every day in Illinois, amazing things are BORN, BUILT & GROWN; and,

**WHEREAS**, Illinois Bicentennial will honor the many ways that Illinois has influenced American history, achievement, culture, innovation, and more; and,

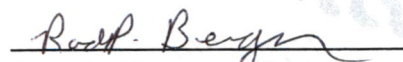
**WHEREAS**, Illinois Bicentennial is a once -in-a-lifetime invitation to fall in love with Illinois all over again; and,

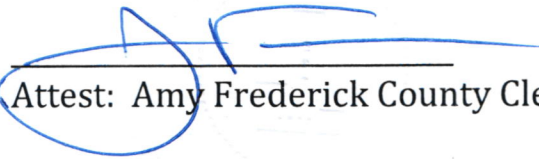
**WHEREAS**, together, we can inspire pride in Illinois and show the world what makes this state so great; and,

**WHEREAS**, our community should encourage citizens, organizations, businesses, congregations, and cultural and education institutions to participate in the yearlong celebration by submitting applications for endorsement of their events and projects by Illinois Bicentennial on the PARTICIPATE page at [illinois200.com](http://illinois200.com); and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Ford County endorses the efforts of Illinois Bicentennial and encourages all citizens to participate and celebrate in the upcoming year by visiting [illinois200.com](http://illinois200.com) and using the hashtag #illinoisProud.

December 11, 2017

  
Randy Berger, Chairman

  
Attest: Amy Frederick County Clerk & Recorder