

RESOLUTION NO. 24-19

ADOPTED ON: November 25, 2024

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE OHIO COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENIAL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, in two years, the United States of America will mark its 250th anniversary of Independence; and

WHEREAS, Ohio may not have been one of the original 13 British colonies. Nor was Ohio one of the next three states carved out of those original colonies, but Ohio plays an important role in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, America 250 is a multi-year effort to commemorate the semiquincentennial, or 250th anniversary, of the United States. This effort is led by the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission – created by Congress – and its America 250 Foundation, which the Commission established to support its work. Together, their purpose is to catalyze a more perfect union by designing and leading the most comprehensive and inclusive celebration in our country's history; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly and the Governor created America 250-OH in 2021 to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States and Ohio's integral role in that event and the role of its people on the nation's past, present and future; and

WHEREAS, America 250-OH hopes to engage all Ohioans and all 88 counties through their many signatures and officially recognized programs, projects and events over the next several years by inspiring future leaders and celebrating all Ohioans' contributions to the nation over the last 250 years; and

WHEREAS, America 250-Ohio is offering a new grants program specifically for designated "America 250-Ohio Communities," supporting local activities at county, city, village, and township levels. This grant cycle is different from the two previous America 250-Ohio grant opportunities. Applying organizations must be located within an America 250-Ohio Community prior to December 31, 2024, and activities must be supplemental to existing Storytelling and Education programs that America 250-Ohio is producing statewide.

NOW, **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Village of Thornville, County of Perry, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: Council for the Village of Thornville hereby endorses America 250-OH and its mission to educate, preserve, innovate and celebrate every Ohioan in every county.

SECTION 2: The Village Administrator shall send a copy of this resolution to the America 250-OH Commission.

SECTION 3: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements of the laws of the State of Ohio.

SECTION 4: Council declares this to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the Village and the further reason that the Village needs to endorse America 250-OH by the end of the year to be eligible for the next round of grant funding. Wherefore, provided this Resolution receives the required affirmative votes of Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon passage by Council.

Passed in Council this 25 day of November 2024.

ATTEST:

Abigail Tolliver
Clerk of Council

Amanda Lackey
Amanda Lackey, Mayor

APPROVED:

Approved as to form this 21st day of November 2024.

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