

**RESOLUTION NO. 049-23R**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO OHIO HUMANITIES THROUGH THE AMERICA 250-OHIO GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAMING RELATING TO THE 250<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE AND FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES; AND DECLARING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (also known as America 250-Ohio or AM250-OH) is making funds available for grants to non-profit, educational, and local governmental organizations to support educational and commemorative programming about the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the independence and founding of the United States and the purpose of this grant program is to draw attention to the achievements, struggles, honors, innovations, and significance of all people in Ohio since before its founding to the present day as described in Ohio Revised Code 149.309 and Resolution 2023 – 09 adopted by the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Humanities is Ohio’s state-based partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities with a mission focused on storytelling and grantmaking with more than 50 years of experience providing grants of tens of millions of dollars throughout Ohio, and therefore has the staff expertise, relationships and technical infrastructure to implement a comprehensive, equitable, timely and transparent statewide grant program in partnership with the Ohio Commission for the U.S. Semiquincentennial; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s plan for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary will focus on Sandusky’s vital role as a last stop on the Underground Railroad in conjunction with the City’s annual Juneteenth celebration and involves the creation of interactive exhibits to enhance the Underground Railroad guided walking tours and to fund educational and entertainment activities associated with the Juneteenth holiday and will culminate in an annual Juneteenth celebration concert and fireworks and is requesting grant funds in the amount of \$50,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to submit the grant application to Ohio Humanities by the fall grant cycle deadline of November 17, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of the Municipal Departments of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this **Resolution** be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter; and NOW, THEREFORE

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:**

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Section 1. This City Commission hereby approves the submission of a grant application to Ohio Humanities through the America 250-Ohio Grant Program to support educational commemorative programming relating to the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the independence and founding of the United States.

Section 2. This City Commission authorizes and directs the City Manager to provide all information and documentation required for possible financial assistance and to execute any grant agreements and lawfully expend funds consistent with the application and agreement should they be awarded.

Section 3. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 4. This City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 5. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter after its adoption and due authentication by the President and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.



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RICHARD R. BRADY  
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST:

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CATHLEEN A. MYERS  
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: November 13, 2023