

**RESOLUTION NO. 007-24R**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE OHIO COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (AMERICA 250-OH); AND DECLARING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio General Assembly and Governor created AMERICA 250-OH in Ohio Revised Code Section 149.309 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 strives to engage all Ohioans and all 88 counties through a variety of programs, projects and events through 2026 by inspiring future leaders and celebrating Ohio's contributions to the nation over the past 250+ years; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission approved 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 by Resolution No. 049-23R, passed on November 13, 2023, and subsequently received a Buckeye Impact Grant in the amount of \$40,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sandusky has much to contribute to the nation's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and will use the grant funds for a project to focus on the City's role in the Underground Railroad, blending historical preservation and modern technology to offer an immersive experience and will feature interactive exhibits, enhanced guided walking tours with QR code-accessible audio narratives, and a showcase of historical sites, aiming to preserve and celebrate Sandusky's contribution to the fight for freedom and equality; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution is necessary for the City to receive an AM250-OH designation, which allows the City to be part of a network of communities commemorating Underground Railroad's historical milestones; 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 to submit the Resolution to the American 250-OH Commission at the earliest opportunity; 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

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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 upon its adoption; and NOW, THEREFORE

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

Section 1. This City Commission supports the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (AMERICA 250-OH).

Section 2. This City Commission hereby establishes a local AMERICA 250 City of Sandusky Committee made up of a diverse group of citizens to work with AMERICA 250-OH on any and all activities within the City and the participants of the City of Sandusky Committee will be strictly voluntary roles and there will be no compensation for participation.

Section 3. The City Commission Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to AMERICA 250-OH Commission headquartered at 41 S. High St., Suite 250, Columbus, OH 43215 and is directed to keep a copy of this signed Resolution on file.

Section 4. 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 5. 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 6. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take

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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: February 12, 2024