

**RESOLUTION 2022-BC-R-24**

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION DECLARING THE YEAR OF 2023  
AS “MADISON COUNTY BICENTENNIAL YEAR”**

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**WHEREAS**, in 1822, the Indiana Legislature assembled in the then state capital of Corydon, and introduced a bill for the formation of a government for Madison County (the “Madison County Formation Bill”); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Madison County Formation Bill passed both bodies of the Indiana Legislature, and was signed into law by Governor William Hendricks on January 4, 1823; and,

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the terms of the Madison County Formation Bill, Madison County was formally organized on November 10, 1823, and as such, our county will observe its 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, as our county did during our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1923, and our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1973, the Madison County Board of Commissioners finds it fitting and proper that the year 2023 be commemorated with historical, educational, artistic, and joyful events in keeping with Madison County’s bicentennial anniversary; and,

**WHEREAS**, participation in Madison County’s bicentennial is a unique opportunity to celebrate and uplift Madison County during this historic time; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Madison County Board of Commissioners encourages Madison County organizations and groups from all sectors of life to join in and be part of this anniversary by incorporating the bicentennial theme into activities and events throughout 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Madison County Board of Commissioners deems it desirable to create a Bicentennial Commission to aid in organizing Madison County’s celebration of its bicentennial anniversary.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Madison County Board of Commissioners that 2023 shall be the “Madison County Bicentennial Year”; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Madison County Board of Commissioners that a Madison County Bicentennial Commission is hereby established; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Madison County Board of Commissioners shall appoint members to the Madison County Bicentennial Commission which commission shall promote, plan, and execute Madison County’s historic, educational, celebratory, and culture initiatives to observe and commemorate the bicentennial of Madison County, Indiana.

ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF April, 2022.

MADISON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
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RE: Madison County, Indiana, 2023 Bicentennial Observance

Dear Commissioners,

When the Indiana Legislature assembled at Corydon in 1822 a bill for the formation of a county government for Madison County was introduced. That bill passed both houses and was signed by Governor William Hendricks, January 4, 1823. In accordance with the provisions of the act, Madison County was formally organized on November 10, 1823.

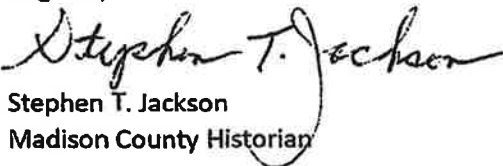
In 1923, Madison County celebrated its centennial and in 1973, its sesquicentennial. Both milestones were observed with celebrations including parades and various festivities. In two years, 2023, our county will observe its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Madison County will be one of five Indiana counties observing their bicentennial in 2023. The others being: Allen, Hamilton, Hendricks and Johnson.

This letter is to inform you of the approaching bicentennial and to encourage you to begin planning for such a momentous occasion.

If I may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Regards,

  
Stephen T. Jackson  
Madison County Historian