**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**COUNTY OF BOND**

**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BOND COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**WHEREAS**, The County of Bond was created as a part of the Illinois Territory by an Act of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Illinois territory Congress on January 4, 1817; and

**WHEREAS**, the County was named after Shadrach Bond, who had served as the Illinois Territory’s Representative in Congress, and who later served as the first Governor of the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Bond County was one of the original eleven counties which was in existence when Illinois became a state in 1818; and

**WHEREAS**, the boundaries of Bond County, which once extended from the Ohio river in the south to Lake Superior in the North, have diminished substantially over the past 200 years, yet the remaining territory of Bond County is today comprised of vibrant communities with rich histories worthy of celebrating; and

**WHEREAS**, these Bond County communities include the present day municipalities of Greenville, Sorento, Old Ripley, Pocahontas, Pierron, Mulberry Grove, Smithboro, and parts of Donnellson, Keyesport and Panama, as well as the communities of Reno, Dudleyville, Beaver Creek, and Pleasant Mound to name a few; and

**WHEREAS**, these Bond County communities have been the home to many famous and successful individuals who have influenced our nation’s culture and scientific advancements, including, but not limited to:

* + Nobel Prize winning bio-chemist, Dr. Edwin Krebs, M.D. of Greenville;
  + Noted Las Vegas hotelier Wilbur Clark of Keyesport,
  + Acclaimed Child Psychiatrist and Autism expert, Dr. Fred Volkmar, M.D., of Sorento;
  + Co-founder of the successful California based fast food outlet “In –n Out” burger, Esther Snyder, also of Sorento;
  + Nationally known labor organizer John L. Lewis, of Panama; and
  + Grammy Award winning country music Artist Gretchen Wilson of Pocahontas; and

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of its natural resources and the industry and ingenuity of its citizens, Bond County has become known for its quality agricultural production, its respected business and mercantile establishments, as well as its manufacturing and mining concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, the generations of hard working, dedicated and faithful Bond County citizens have established an enduring legacy of highly regarded educational institutions, churches and charitable institutions which have, and will continue to enrich the lives of its residents.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the members of the Bond County Board of Commissioners that commencing on this date, January 5th, 2017, the 200th anniversary of the creation of this County, there shall be a year-long bicentennial celebration honoring the people, institutions and the rich history of Bond County, Illinois

Approved by the County Board of Bond County, Illinois this 5th day of January, 2017

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Randy L. Reitz, County Clerk