

1/5/09 6:29 p.m.

**JOINT BICENTENNIAL RESOLUTION
OF
RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP
AND
VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD**

VILLAGE RESOLUTION NO. 03-2009
TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION NO. 02-2009

Offered by All of Council
Offered by All Trustees

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE TRUSTEES OF RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP
AND THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD TO
ACKNOWLEDGE THE YEAR 2009 AS THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ORIGINAL RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP.

- WHEREAS, In the year 1809 the area of Richfield Township, now known as Richfield Township and the Village of Richfield, was part of the westward migration of the inhabitants of the newly established United States of America, and was first inhabited by settlers as a township in the Connecticut Western Reserve; and
- WHEREAS, Richfield, originally included in Trumbull County; later in 1807 listed in Portage County and in 1812 in Medina County where it remained until Summit County was organized in 1840, and being the highest point in Summit County, is blessed with rolling hills, resilient soil and beautiful vistas of the Cuyahoga Valley to the east and tributaries of the Rocky River to the west, all of which are part of the Great Lake Erie Watershed of Northeast Ohio; and
- WHEREAS, The early settlers of Richfield found the land suitable for farming and raising their families, and through their industriousness they established a small but thriving Ohio community; and
- WHEREAS, While the citizens of Richfield enjoyed a quiet life and bucolic environment, they were also touched by and played a part in events of the nation and the world, answering the call to military service in the battles within our own nation and in the world conflicts against oppression; and
- WHEREAS, Richfield's population grew because of its location and the enterprising spirit of its citizens, and its citizens contributed to and prospered from the economic development of our nation; and
- WHEREAS, After the Second World War, through the construction of the interstate highway system, Richfield became a crossroad of the national transportation system, resulting in the establishment of Richfield as a hub of the trucking industry, and moving the leaders of our community to consider our place in the region and to plan for the further business development of the community, recognizing Richfield has been well situated to absorb the continuing migration of small businesses and transportation-based corporations from both the Cleveland and Akron areas; *and*
- WHEREAS, Richfield continues to benefit from a diverse mix of residents, religions, local and national businesses, while maintaining an agricultural and rural heritage; *and*

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WHEREAS, In this year, the year 2009, the 200th anniversary of the humble establishment of Richfield Township, the Richfield Community will celebrate our "Bicentennial Year"; and

WHEREAS, the 200th anniversary of the creation of Richfield is an opportunity to pause and recognize its place in Ohio's rich history, to remember its roots dating from the time of Lancelot Mays, to the fruitful heritage we realize today; and

WHEREAS, this Bicentennial celebration is also, most importantly, an opportunity for residents and officials of the present time to salute and express profound gratitude to those who have gone before us.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of Richfield Township and the Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That 2009 is hereby recognized to be the "Bicentennial Year" for Richfield Township and the Village of Richfield, and all citizens, past and present, of this community are hereby encouraged to join together to commemorate this 200th anniversary of the settlement of Richfield.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 1/6/09

Rick Hendrick
President of Council

ATTEST:

William J. Douglas
Mayor

Carolyn E. Sullivan
Clerk of Council

Dated: 1/6/09

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

David R. Wyatt
David R. Wyatt, Township Trustee

Laurie Peters Gilmore
Laurie Peters Gilmore, Township Trustee

Janet Jankura
Janet Jankura, Township Trustee

Attest:

Laurie Pinney
Laurie Pinney, Township Fiscal Officer