

RESOLUTION NO. R87-2 CMS

A RESOLUTION BY THE OBERLIN CITY COUNCIL ATTESTING TO
THE PARTICIPATION OF OBERLIN IN THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS OF THE
NORTHWEST ORDINANCE AND THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, The year 1987 marks the 200th anniversary of the passage of the Northwest Ordinance and the United States Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of Ohio has appointed an official Commission to plan and execute the State's two-year-long celebration of the Bicentennials and there exists an Oberlin Commission to plan and execute the celebration of the Bicentennials; and,

WHEREAS, Oberlin has been designated as a Bicentennial Community; and,

WHEREAS, The Northwest Ordinance is one of the fundamental documents in American history, growing out of the libertarian spirit of the American Revolution and leading directly to the creation of the great states of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and part of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Its visionary and inspired principles became the basic document providing for all of the subsequent territories of the United States to enter the Union; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's role in the events associated with the ordinance is unique in that it became the first state to enter the Union under the terms of the Ordinance, that the territory's first settlement was Marietta, and the first university established in the Northwest Territory was Ohio University; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution, as ratified, embodies the ideals of liberty under law and was designed to maintain our free government in perpetuity as a more perfect union and to secure the blessings of liberty by consent of the governed, and that the Constitution is the longest lasting written constitution in the world; and,

THEREFORE, Council by this Resolution, calls to the attention of Oberlin citizens this 200th anniversary of the Northwest Ordinance and the Constitution of the United States and encourages participation in the celebration of this anniversary by the public schools and in other ways as may be deemed appropriate; and

THAT, This Resolution become a part of the official Council minutes for January 20, 1987.

PASSED: 1st Reading - January 20, 1987
2nd Reading -
3rd Reading -

ATTEST:

Julie A. Simonson
Clerk of Council

R. L. P. H. H. H.
Chairman of Council

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