AT A MEETING OF _______________________________________________________

ON _________________________, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS
PROPOSED AND APPROVED.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress created the Alabama Territory from the
eastern half of the Mississippi Territory on March 3, 1817; and,

WHEREAS, by 1819, the birth and growth of cities, towns, and communities in the
Alabama Territory ensured that the population of the Territory had developed sufficiently to
achieve the minimum number of inhabitants required by Congress to qualify for Statehood;
and,

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and President James Monroe approved
Statehood for the Alabama Territory on December 14, 1819 making it the nation’s twenty-
second state; and,

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature approved a resolution in 2013 establishing the
Alabama Bicentennial Commission to mark the 200th anniversary of Statehood; and,

WHEREAS, constitutional officers and other officials appointed Commission
members to organize and execute a bicentennial celebration intended to improve the education
and understanding of all Alabamians and visitors regarding the State’s history and heritage;
and to create and promote lasting initiatives designed to benefit the State and its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the bicentennial period of reflection and commemoration, 2017 to 2019,
has been divided into three thematic years to acknowledge distinctly: the environment, both
natural and constructed, including especially the cities, towns, and communities which
compose the State; the people, regardless of race, culture, or background; and the history,
both ancient and recent, of the State of Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, commemorations and celebrations will enable and encourage Alabamians
of all ages and backgrounds, together with visitors, to experience Alabama’s rich cultural,
historic, and natural resources, thereby stimulating the economy of Alabama through local
economic growth; and,

WHEREAS, full participation and contributory efforts by the localities of the State,
through their various councils, committees, and congregations, are paramount to the success
of this historic endeavor; and,

WHEREAS, participation in Alabama’s bicentennial is a unique opportunity to
celebrate and uplift the State during this historic time;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby proclaimed by ____________________, that by
this action, they endorse the efforts of the Alabama Bicentennial Commission and hereby
resolve to aid the Alabama Bicentennial Commission in promoting, planning, and executing
the Commission’s historic, educational, celebratory, and cultural initiatives by forming or
supporting a Community Celebration Committee to observe and commemorate the
bicentennial of the State of Alabama.

SIGNED: ___________________________________