RESOLUTION No. 2012

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CONTRIBUTION TO THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, IN SUPPORT OF THE INDIANA FIRST US FLAG DISPLAY LEGACY PROJECT, AN APPROVED PROJECT OF THE INDIANA BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION FOR LAKE COUNTY AND ITS NINETEEN CITIES AND TOWNS.

WHEREAS, The Town Council for the Town of Munster is the Legislative and Fiscal Body of the Municipality pursuant to IC 36-1-2 et seq., and

WHEREAS, IC 36-5-2-9 provides that a town legislative body may adopt ordinances and resolutions for the performance of functions of the town; and

WHEREAS, IC 36-1-3-4 further provides that a unit has all powers granted it by statute as well as all other powers necessary or desirable in the conduct of its affairs, even though not granted by statute; and

WHEREAS, IC 36-10-2-4 provides in part that "a unit may establish, aid, maintain and operate ... cultural, historical ... facilities and programs...."; and

WHEREAS, The State of Indiana established the Indiana Bicentennial Commission and the 92 County Bicentennial Committees encouraged the development of projects that could be conducted to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of Indiana Statehood, December 11, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Lake County Bicentennial Committee developed a successful commemorative project, styled the Indiana First US Flag Display Legacy Project, which involves the elected and appointed officials of the 19 cities and towns as well as the government of Lake County to cooperate in the display of the first US Flag that displayed the star which represented Indiana as a state; and

WHEREAS, The Highland Clerk-Treasurer filed the application for the project and the Indiana Bicentennial Commission granted legacy project status, for the display of the 1818 Flag of the United States of America, by Lake County and its 19 cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, There are acquisition costs for the initial 1818 Flags and the associated legacy project signs for all the participants in the commemorative project, and in the interest of administrative economy, the Highland Clerk-Treasurer managed the project on behalf of Lake County and its 19 cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, In the further interest of administrative economy, rather than resort to the provisions of IC 36-1-7, it is determined that the ways and means of the Lake County Indiana First US Flag Display Project may be rendered by resort to the powers set forth in IC 36-1-3 and IC 36-10-2 and the provisions set forth in this resolution;

WHEREAS, Under its authority of IC 36-1-3, the legislative body of the municipality passed and adopted Section 2-92 of the *Munster, Indiana Code* which provides in pertinent part that the Town Council is authorized to budget and appropriate funds from the general fund of the town to pay the expenses incurred in promoting the best

interests of the town and that such expenses may include, but not necessarily be limited to those incurred in developing relations with other units of government or any other expenses of civic or governmental nature deemed by the Town Council to be in the interests of the Town; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Highland, in consequence of its Clerk-Treasurer's role in coordinating the Lake County Bicentennial Committee's successful commemorative project, styled as the *Indiana First US Flag Display Legacy Project*, which involves the elected and appointed officials of the 19 cities and towns as well as the government of Lake County cooperating in the display of the 1818 US Flag which was the first that displayed the star which represented Indiana as a state, has requested that a voluntary contribution in the amount of eighty dollars and five cents (\$80.05) be made in support of the ways and means of the particular project; and

WHEREAS, The legislative body has reviewed the matter, and in the interest of goodwill, comity and support of the project, now desires to make the elective contribution to the Town of Highland, related to its costs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED By the Town Council of the Town of Munster, Lake County, Indiana:

Section 1. That the TOWN of HIGHLAND, in the interest of goodwill and comity and in support of its ways and means, now be paid an elective contribution in the amount of eighty dollars and five cents (\$80.05) in support of the initial costs associated with the Lake County Bicentennial Committee's successful commemorative project, styled as the *Indiana First US Flag Display Legacy Project*, which involves the elected and appointed officials of the 19 cities and towns as well as the government of Lake County cooperating in the display of the 1818 US Flag which was the first that displayed the star which represented Indiana as a state;

Section 2. That the Town Council hereby finds and determines that such an expense promotes the laudable interests of the municipality, supports and enhances relations with other participating member units of government and is a lawful expense supporting activities which are of a civic or governmental nature, all authorized under the express authority of IC 36-10-2 et seq.;

Section 3. That the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby instructed to prepare an accounts payable voucher against the appropriate fund and account on behalf of the Town of Highland in the amount herein named.

PASSED AND RESOLVED By the Town Council of the Town of Munster, Lake County, Indiana, this 15th day of August 2016 by a vote of ______ in favor and _____ opposed.

TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN of MUNSTER, INDIANA

John P. Reed, President

ATTEST:

David F. Shafer Clerk-Treasurer