



IOWA AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

**PLAN NOW
TO HELP IOWA CELEBRATE
THE NATION'S
200TH ANNIVERSARY
1776-1976**

WHY CELEBRATE THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION?

The main purpose of the celebration of the American Revolution is to remind all Americans and citizens of the world of the freedom that exists in the United States, how freedom was conceived, what this freedom has meant in the past, what it means today, and how it may contribute to the future well-being of the world in man's quest for freedom.

The celebration of 200 years of freedom gives all Americans, all Iowans, an exciting opportunity for a re-evaluation and a renewal of the real meaning of freedom. An opportunity to do those things for each other that freedom gives the opportunity to do.



WHAT HAS FREEDOM MEANT TO YOU?

- More quality food, a better balanced diet, more nutrition and more variety of food than in any area of the world.
- Less of your income goes for food than in any country of the world.
- More of all the material things of life.
- More leisure time, more recreation, more travel.
- More educational opportunities, job opportunities and opportunities for volunteer service.
- You have the opportunity to vote freely.
- You may go from one state to another without a passport or visa.
- You may say what you want to, write what you want to, you are free to do good.
- You may work in any profession you prepare yourself for.
- You may have 12 years of free education.
- You have more personal and private freedom than any people any other place in the universe.
- And more.

WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF THE IOWA AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION?

To develop state goals, encourage community projects, and prepare programs for commemorating the American Revolution in Iowa. The Commission's responsibility is to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate activities associated with freedom. Also develop plans showing how Iowa has contributed to our country's history.

IOWA BICENTENNIAL PROJECTS ENDORSED TO DATE And Currently Under Way:

1. World Food Institute - Located on the campus of Iowa State University, Ames to be opened with a World Food Conference in 1976.
 2. Living History Farms - A non-profit foundation has acquired over 500 acres of land on Interstate 35 and 80 just west of Des Moines. This project includes a Farm of 1840, a Horse Farm of 1900, and a Farm of the Future.
 3. Five Flags Civic Center, Dubuque, Iowa - Includes restoration of a hundred year old theater, a mall and an exhibition center.
 4. Restoration of the Old Territorial Capitol - Later first state capitol, in Iowa City.
 5. Restoration of Terrace Hill - A beautiful Victorian mansion which has been given to the state of Iowa as a governor's home.
 6. Missouri Riverfront Development Project - This project includes the development of a fifty mile stretch of the Missouri River.
 7. Development of the Little Lakes of the Woods Recreation Area. A park to be developed in Howard County near Cresco.
 8. Sgt. Floyd Monument Part - Expansion.
 9. Centennial History of the University of Northern Iowa (1976).
 10. Invite the world to visit Cedar Rapids.
- All of the above projects will be operational in 1976, if not entirely completed. All will need additional funding.

IARBC PROJECTS ENDORSED

1. World Food Expo. '76.
2. Prairie Parks.

PROGRAM OF THE STATE HERITAGE '76 COMMITTEE

1. Preparation of a History and Preservation brochure for mailings and handouts.
2. Preservation of Historic Landmarks, and development of a new Iowa map locating historic places.
3. Compilation of central catalog of books, manuscripts and other material to be made available to libraries and schools.
4. Clearing house for all materials of historic value.
5. Preservation (microfilming) of early County records.
6. New State Archives and Museum facility.
7. Collection of County Histories; Church Histories; local Genealogies, old Newspapers, etc.
8. Aid in development of county Archives, Museums, Parks, etc.
9. Develop "Exhibit Kits" of County Histories suitable for group meetings, schools, etc.
10. Encourage writing of new histories of counties, and completion of those now started.
11. Set up Speakers Bureau for presentations at County or Regional meetings.

HELP IOWA CELEBRATE

Send your name and address to IARBC if you can help in your county.

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**Planning a County Commission in all 99
counties. (65 are now organized.)**

1. Invite all citizens in the county to participate.
2. Select permanent officers and Board of Directors for County Bicentennial Commission.
3. Incorporate as a Non-Profit Corporation.
4. Select county goals or projects that fit one or more of these areas:

Heritage '76

Festival U.S.A.

Horizons '76

Project Ideas

1. Honor famous early citizens who contributed to freedom.
2. Dedicate sites or trailways to early pioneers.
3. Assist local historical society in building or improving their museum.
4. Restore historic buildings or preserve historic sites.
5. Prepare or up-date county history.
6. Honor all veterans who died in service of their country.
7. Preserve early pictures, books, and newspapers.
8. Develop plans and goals for the future.
9. Conduct a youth program.
10. Make plans to finance your Bicentennial activities.
11. Arrange publicity so that everyone becomes familiar with the Bicentennial.

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