

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA # *A-5

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE June 8, 2010

CEO Concur with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval of a Resolution Commemorating the Bicentennial Birth of the 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve a resolution commemorating the bicentennial birth of the 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln.

Contact Person: Christine Ferraro Tallman

Phone Number: 525-4494

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2010-343

On motion of Supervisor DeMartini, Seconded by Supervisor Monteith

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Grover

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST:


CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.



May 26, 2010

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Honorable Jeff Grover
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Stanislaus County
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Re: Request for Lincoln Bicentennial Proclamation and Local
Festivities Commemorating Same

Dear Supervisor Grover:

It is my understanding that you have been informed of various festivities in our county that will be undertaken as part of the local commemoration of the Bicentennial of the birth of our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln.

As part of this commemoration, I respectfully request that you consider adopting the enclosed Proclamation recognizing the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial. Our City Council will be adopting it.

Through the leadership of our County Librarian, Vanessa Czopek, and under the diligent guidance of her staff member, Susan Lilly, the local festivities will center upon a traveling exhibit that the County Library is hosting.

The exhibit "Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, A Man for All Times," developed by the Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History and funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, will be on display at the Modesto library from June 3, 2010 through July 10, 2010. This is a national exhibit that has been touring the United States for the past two years at a very select number of locations. We are lucky as a community to be an exhibit site.

"Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, a Man for all Times" tells the story of how Lincoln, a self-educated, rough-hewn lawyer with virtually no administrative experience, guided a divided nation through the crises of slavery, secession and Civil War. The six exhibit panels examine the legacy of slavery and emancipation, and Lincoln's commitment to every American's "right to rise."

You, your city council, city manager, city attorney and city clerk are invited to attend the June 3rd preview reception at 5:30pm on the main floor of the Modesto library at 1500 "I" Street, Modesto. Lincoln essay contest and bookmark contest winners will be announced, light refreshments will be served, and period music will be part of this preview. We hope you can join us with Lincoln at the Library.

Some of the other commemorative events happening in conjunction with the exhibit are:

- June 5th – "American Life in Lincoln's Time" at 1:00 p.m. at the Modesto Library–featuring period music, clothing demonstration, a cooking demonstration and at 2:00 p.m., the classic John Ford film on Lincoln's life starring Henry Fonda.
- June 16th – Book Club discussion at 7:00 p.m. at the Modesto Library lead by Dr. Curtis Grant and attorney George Petrulakis on Doris Kearns Goodwin's book, "a Team of Rivals – The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln."
- July 4th – Independence Day Parade in Downtown Modesto the morning of July 4th. The theme of the parade will be "Lincoln...A Legacy," with thanks to the Modesto Jaycees.
- July 8th – A MoBand concert in the park at Graceda Park in Modesto entitled of "Heroes and Legends" will pay tribute to our 16th President.
- The Modesto Bee is publishing excerpts from Lincoln's speeches and writing throughout the end of the exhibition.

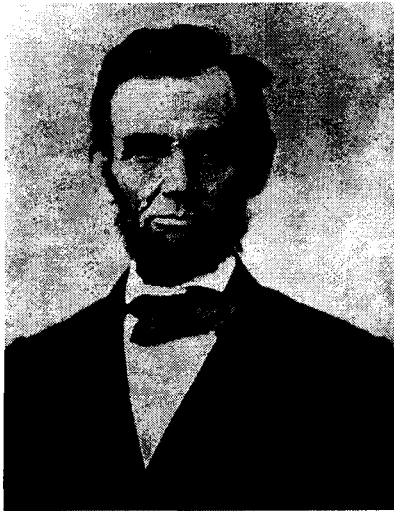
Enclosed is a copy of a proclamation that I would like your city to consider for adoption recognizing the local commemoration of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial. Please join me and our city council in recommending and passing this proclamation to honor one of the most revered Presidents in our history.

Sincerely,



Mayor Jim Ridenour
City of Modesto

cc: Vanessa Czopek
Susan Lilly
George Petrulakis



Stanislaus County Library Lincoln Exhibit

“Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, A Man for all Times”

At the Modesto Library
1500 I St, Modesto
June 1 –July 10, 2010

Thursday, June 3, 2010, 5:30 p.m.

Kickoff reception to commemorate the exhibit
Abe Lincoln look-alike will greet guests
Bookmark and Essay Contest winners honored
Music and Food provided

Saturday, June 5, 2010, 1:00 p.m.

“American Life in Lincoln’s Time”

Cooking Demonstration, by children’s cookbook author, Loretta Ichord, *Clothing Demonstration* by members of the American Civil War Association and *Civil War Era Music* performed by Ernie Bucio and the Gottschalk’s Music Band

Saturday, June 5, 2010, 2:00 p.m.

Classic 1939 John Ford film about Abraham Lincoln, starring Henry Fonda

Wednesday, June 16, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

“Team of Rivals” book discussion led by:
Curtis Grant, Professor of History, Emeritus, CSU, Stanislaus
George Petrulakis, Petrulakis, Jensen, and Friedrich, LLC

4th of July Parade: “Lincoln...a Legacy”

In downtown Modesto. Exhibit available for viewing on the Library portico during and after the parade.

Thursday, July 8, Concert in the Park

MoBand presents “Heroes and Legends” with a special tribute to President Lincoln

The exhibit and all related events are offered free of charge.

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Abraham Lincoln: A Man for His Time, A Man for All Times is a national traveling exhibition organized by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. The traveling exhibition has been made possible in part through a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, dedicated to expanding American understanding of human experience and cultural heritage.

PROCLAMATION

Stanislaus County

A PROCLAMATION OF THE STANISLAUS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMEMORATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE BIRTH OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln was born of humble roots in the State of Kentucky on February 12, 1809; and,

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln, without the advantages of inherited wealth or social position, but through long labors, hard work, reading, and study and with the application of his God-given talents, availed himself of the land of opportunity that is America; and,

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln, through his belief and love of the Declaration of Independence held certain "Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights" and that "to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the Consent of the Governed;" and,

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln, after an absence from politics, returned to political life when the threat of slave expansion into the western territories was manifested by the popular sovereignty provisions of the Kansas-Nebraska Act which effectively repealed federal prohibitions on slavery north of the 36° 30' latitude in these territories and left to the ballot box the issue of whether to allow the enslavement of men and women by others; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln was elected the 16th President of the United States on November 6, 1860; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln was steadfast in his goal of preserving the Union and guided the United States through the Civil War, our worst crisis as a Union of States; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863 issued the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing persons enslaved in specified portions of states at war and accelerating in the process that led to the end of slavery in the United States through passage of the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln at the end of the Civil War, gave the ultimate sacrifice when he died from an assassin's bullet on April 15, 1865; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln, despite his many detractors, debunkers, revisers, and critics during his life and since, stands as an exemplar of statesmanship and the political life in country that is meant to be one of self-government; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress declared that the Bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth should be celebrated across the land during the Years of Our Lord two thousand and nine and two thousand and ten; and

WHEREAS, with much appreciation of the community, the local commemoration of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial has been coordinated by the Stanislaus County Library under the stewardship of County Librarian Vanessa Czopek and her able staff, with special note of the role of Susan Lilly, and has involved the contribution of scores of community organizations and individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Library at the Modesto Library will host a national traveling exhibit as part of the Lincoln Bicentennial commemoration entitled: "Abraham Lincoln: A Man for His Time, A Man for All Times" from June through July 10 and,

WHEREAS, "Abraham Lincoln: A Man for His Time, A Man for All Times" is a national traveling exhibition organized by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Stanislaus County declares its commemoration of the Bicentennial of the Birth of Abraham Lincoln and further declares that All Americans could benefit from studying the life, works, and writings of Lincoln and encourages all citizens to partake of the local festivities and chances for learning provided by the local commemoration of this Great American from June through July 10, 2010.

Dated this ___th day of June 2010

Stanislaus County

Jeff Grover, Chairman

ATTEST:

Linda Abid-Cummings, City Clerk