

RESOLUTION

Recognition of the 200th Anniversary of the City of Ypsilanti

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti is celebrating its bicentennial, the 200th anniversary since its incorporation in 1823, highlighting the pride, diversity, and heritage of the city today; and,

WHEREAS, in 1849, when the Michigan Legislature chartered Michigan State Normal School, the City of Ypsilanti donated land deemed by the State Board of Education to be exceptional “in point of health, accessibility, and locality,” and donated funds and constructed the first building on campus; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan State Normal School became Eastern Michigan University and expanded from a teachers’ school to a world-class university, and for 174 years has continued to build strong ties within the Ypsilanti community, supporting the City’s core values of excellence, respect, inclusiveness, responsibility, and integrity; and,

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti Bicentennial Commission will sponsor a series of celebratory events in 2023, including a July 4 time capsule reveal, an August 19 celebration, historic home tours, the collection of Love Letters to Ypsi, and the publication of a history of Ypsilanti; and,

WHEREAS, Eastern Michigan University will support the Ypsilanti bicentennial events through financial donations, support from students, faculty, and staff, and will host bicentennial-themed events at its 2023 Homecoming celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern Michigan Board of Regents congratulates the Ypsilanti Bicentennial Commission, the City of Ypsilanti, and the community, and thanks all who contribute to the bicentennial celebration as we commemorate 200 years of pride, diversity, and heritage.

April 20, 2023