

LEON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 22- 54

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO ESTABLISH A CITIZEN COMMITTEE NAMED THE TALLAHASSEE-LEON COUNTY BICENTENNIAL STEERING COMMITTEE, WHICH SHALL OPERATE AND FUNCTION AS A FOCUS GROUP.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida (the "Board") recognizes and acknowledges the importance of public involvement and input in County government; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tallahassee and Leon County will celebrate its Bicentennial in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee-Leon County Bicentennial in 2024 provides an opportunity to engage the community in the rich history of Tallahassee and Leon County over the past 200 years and the vision of the community in years to come; and

WHEREAS, the Bicentennial is envisioned to be a community-wide celebration that not only engages all segments of the community but shares residents' experiences and stories of Tallahassee and Leon County from their unique perspective; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2022 the Board accepted a status report on community efforts recognizing the Tallahassee-Leon County Bicentennial; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes and acknowledges the importance of engaging local stakeholders to collaborate on planning efforts in celebration of the Bicentennial; and

WHEREAS, in order to consider input from the public in the matter of commemorating the Bicentennial, the Board wishes to establish a focus group to function and operate in accordance with Board Policy No. 03-15, "Board-Appointed Citizen Committees".

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA that:

1           1.       The Board hereby establishes a focus group, named the Tallahassee-Leon County  
2 Bicenennial Steering Committee (the “Committee”), for the purpose of the collaboration and  
3 coordination of planning the activities centered around celebrating and commemorating the  
4 Tallahassee-Leon County Bicenennial in 2024.

5           2.       The Committee shall function and operate as a Focus Group in accordance with Board  
6 Policy No. 03-15, “Board-Appointed Citizen Committees”.

7           3.       The Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of providing collective input for  
8 use by County staff in developing recommendations for promoting awareness and interest in the 2024  
9 Bicenennial celebration.

10          4.       The Committee shall have the following fourteen (14) members. Each of the following  
11 organizations may appoint one person:

- 12                   1) Big Bend Minority Chamber of Commerce
- 13                   2) Capital City Chamber of Commerce
- 14                   3) Council on Culture and Arts
- 15                   4) Florida A&M University
- 16                   5) Florida Historic Capitol Museum
- 17                   6) Florida State University
- 18                   7) Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce
- 19                   8) Knight Creative Community Initiative
- 20                   9) Leon County Schools
- 21                   10) Office of the Mayor Representative
- 22                   11) Riley House Center & Museum
- 23                   12) Tallahassee Community College
- 24                   13) Tallahassee Downtown Improvement Authority
- 25                   14) Tallahassee Historical Society

26          5.       The Committee shall have as its goal to formalize and implement an organizational and  
27 management plan that provides the following:

- 28                   1) Values of the Tallahassee/Leon County Bicenennial
- 29                   2) Strategic Goals of the Tallahassee/Leon County Bicenennial

3) Bicentennial Committee Task Forces including the following: Programming/Event Activities, Marketing, Education, Community Outreach & Inclusion, Faith Based, and Legislative/State Government. Additional Task Forces may be identified and are subject to available resources.

6. The members of the Committee shall not be subject to full and public disclosure of financial interests.

7. The Committee shall be dissolved on March 31, 2025.

8. The Committee shall be staffed by the Leon County Division of Tourism.

9. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

DONE, ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

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