



Legislation Text

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Title

America 250 North Carolina Committee

Action

ACTION:

A) Adopt a resolution establishing an America 250 North Carolina Mecklenburg County Committee

B) Appoint Kendall Kendrick, Executive Director of the Trail of History as the Committee Chair

Staff Contact: Dena R. Diorio, County Manager

Presentation: Yes

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

The United States Semiquincentennial was established by Congress in 2016 to plan and orchestrate the 250th anniversary of the United States. The aspirations for what the 250th anniversary of the United States can accomplish include making history relevant for every American, telling inclusive stories about the American past, enhancing the public's engagement with history collections, and emphasizing the importance of history education.

North Carolina will honor the 250th anniversary with wide-ranging activities across a multi-year commemoration beginning on April 12, 2024, with a focus on 2026. The goal is to empower North Carolina to engage with 250 years of rich history. America 250 North Carolina is recommending that all 100 counties create a countywide committee to encourage organizations to tell inclusive history through programming, partnerships, and education.

Kendall Kendrick, Executive Director of the Trail of History, and a member of the County's Historic Latta Reimagined Stakeholder Committee is uniquely positioned to serve as Committee Chair. She partners with the County in her roles at Trail of History and Latta Place but is also active in the arts. She attends quarterly partner meetings of America 250 NC and participated in the America 250 strategic planning workshop in Boise, Idaho. Ms. Kendrick is prepared and eager to take on this important community initiative.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:

N/A

POLICY IMPACT:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

None