COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE

D.C. LAW 7-12

"District of Columbia Bicentennial Commission Act of 1987".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198, "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 7-135 on first and second readings, April 14, 1987, and May 5, 1987, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on June 1, 1987, this legislation was assigned Act 7-25, published in the June 12, 1987, edition of the <u>D.C. Register</u>, (Vol. 34 page 3783) and transmitted to Congress on June 10, 1987 for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602(c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 7-12, effective July 25, 1987.

DAVID A. CLARKE Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

June 10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19,22,23,24,25,26,29,30

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D.C. ACT 7 - 25

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To establish a District of Columbia Bicentennial Commission to develop a plan for the celebration of the bicentennial of the Constitution of the United States and of the transfer of the seat of the federal government of the United States of America to the District of Columbia.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Bicentennial Commission Act of 1987".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia finds that:

(1) The period commencing in 1987 and ending in 2004 embraces the bicentennial anniversaries of significant events of great importance to the history of the United States of America and to the development of the City of Washington, District of Columbia;

(2) The government of the District of Columbia is responsible for the preservation of the history of the District of Columbia as the seat of the national government and as a city having Congressionally-mandated authority for self-government;

(3) The United States is celebrating the bicentennial of the Constitution of the United States through state and local celebrations beginning in 1987;

- (4) The District of Columbia is approaching the bicentennial of its founding as the seat of the federal government and anniversaries of other events of great national and local significance; and
- (5) It is appropriate and fitting to plan the celebration and commemoration of these historic events through observances and activities planned by a commission composed of representatives of public and private authorities and organizations.

New, D.C. Code, sec. 2-3501 (1988 supp.) Sec. 3. Definitions.

For the purposes of this act, the term:

(1) "Commission" means the District of Columbia Bicentennial Commission established by section 4.

(2) "Council" means the Council of the District of Columbia.

(3) "District" means the District of Columbia.

(4) "Government" means the government of the District of Columbia.

(5) "Mayor" means the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

(6) "Secretary" means Secretary of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 4. Establishment of the District of Columbia Bicentennial Commission.

(a) There is established a commission to be known as the District of Columbia Bicentennial Commission constituted for the purpose of developing and coordinating plans for the commemoration of the bicentennial of the United States Constitution, the transfer of the seat of the federal government to the District of Columbia, and the anniversaries of other related events of national and local significance occuring during the bicentennial period commencing in 1987 and ending in 2004.

(b) The Commission shall be comprised of 39 members, all of whom shall be residents of the District, as follows:

- (1) One citizen from each election ward of the District appointed by the Mayor, none of whom shall be officers or employees of the government or of any of its independent agencies, with the exception of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions;
- (2) Fourteen members, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Council, and 1 each by the other Councilmembers and one of whom shall be a councilmember appointed by the Chairman of the Council to represent the interests of the Council;
- (3) One member appointed by the District's delegate to the House of Representatives of the United States;
- (4) Nine members appointed by the Mayor to represent appropriate public and private organizations and the District's business community;
- (5) Two members appointed by the Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals;
- (6) Two Members appointed by the Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia;
- (7) One member appointed by the District of Columbia Bar; and

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New, D.C. Code, sec. 2-3503 (1988 supp.)

- (8) Two members, 1 of whom shall be the Secretary of the District of Columbia, appointed by the Mayor to represent appropriate agencies of the District of Columbia Government.
- (c) All members of the Commission shall be chosen within 60 days of the effective date of this act.
- (d) A chairperson of the Commission shall be chosen by the Mayor, and the members of the Commission shall elect from among their membership a vice-chairperson and other officers as deemed necessary.
- (e) Each member of the Commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses pursuant to section 1108(b) of the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-139; D.C. Code, sec. 1-612.8(b)).
- (f) Members of the Commission appointed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall serve for a period of 4 years from the date of the installation of a majority of the members first appointed, except that members appointed pursuant to section 4(b)(8) shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.
- (g) The Commission shall be dissolved 4 years from the date of the installation of a majority of its first members, but the life of the Commission may be extended at the pleasure of the Mayor.
- (h) Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointments were made.
- (i) A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.
- (j) The Commission may appoint honorary members, and may establish an advisory committee to assist the Commission in its work. The members of any advisory committee shall serve without compensation.
- (k) The Commission may establish special committees and invite citizen representatives from public agencies and private organizations to assist the Commission in carrying out its work as the Commission deems appropriate.
- The Commission may adopt by-laws to govern its internal operation and public meetings.
- (m) The Commission may adopt and use a seal upon approval by the Mayor. The Commission shall be the repository for the official emblem issued by the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, established pursuant to the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution Establishment Act, approved September 29, 1983 (Pub. L. No. 98-101; 97 Stat. 719).

Sec. 5. Funding

New, D.C. Code, sec. 2-3504 (1988 supp.)

- (a) There may be appropriated out of revenues available to the District sums necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.
- (b) The Commission is authorized to apply for and receive grants to fund its activities.
- (c) The Commission may solicit and accept private gifts and donations to carry out the purposes of this act.
- (d) The administrative support for the Commission, including personnel and procurement services, shall be provided by the Office of the Secretary and shall be subject to all the statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to the Office of the Secretary.
- Sec. 6. Establishment of a District of Columbia Bicentennial Commission Fund.
- (a) A District of Columbia Bicentennial Fund ("Fund") shall be established by the Mayor to receive all money from whatever source derived to carry out the purposes of this act. The Fund shall be accounted for under procedures established pursuant to the District of Columbia Fund Accounting Act of 1980, effective June 14, 1980 (D.C. Law 3-70; D.C. Code, sec. 47-371 et seq.), or any other applicable law. All money generated by the Commission shall be deposited in the Fund.
- (b) All money in the Fund shall be for the sole use of the Commission.
- (c) The Commission shall submit to the Mayor and to the Council a monthly statement of receipts and disbursements from the Fund.
- (d) Upon the expiration of this act and after all obligations of the Commission have been satisfied, any money remaining in the Fund shall be paid over to the general fund of the District as general purposes revenues.

Sec. 7. Duties.

- (a) The Commission shall:
- (1) Plan and develop appropriate activities and publications to celebrate the bicentennial events identified by the Commission for commemoration;
- (2) Select and develop proposals for projects to be undertaken by the Government that are design to harmonize and balance the important goals of scholarship and education;
- (3) Involve and actively encourage the participation of local and national private organizations, federal, District, and adjacent state governments in planning for the bicentennial events and commemorations:
- (4) Serve as the District's clearinghouse for the research, collection, and dissemination of the official

New, D.C. Code, sec. 2-3505 (1988 supp.)

New, D.C. Code, sec. 2-3506 (1988 supp.) information used as the basis for developing the plans for bicentennial commemorations; and

- (5) Complete other projects and approaches identified by the Commission as being significant to the successful development of the bicentennial plan for the District to celebrate its bicentennial and that of the Constitution of the United States.
- (b) The Commission shall consider appropriate means by which the District should celebrate the bicentennial of the Constitution of the United States and shall issue a report detailing plans for this celebration within 3 months of the date of the first meeting held by the Commission following its establishment.
- (c) The Commission shall submit to the Mayor and to the Council an interim report of the Commission on the plan for commemorating bicentennial events of significance to the Constitution of the United States and to the history of the District within 9 months of the date of the first meeting held by the Commission following its establishment. The interim report of the Commission shall include:
- An identification of the bicentennial and related events to be commemorated and celebrated, including a master schedule of target dates;
- (2) A description of the nature of the celebrations to be developed for each event identified for commemoration;
- (3) A statements of historical and other scholarly data to support the selection of each event proposed for commemoration;
- (4) A description of the scope and extent of interaction among the federal, District, and state governments and private organizations participating in the formulation and presentation of the bicentennial plan;
- (5) Cost projections for each event proposed for commemoration and a plan for allocation of financial and administrative responsibility among the public and private entities recommended for participation by the Commission;
- (6) An outline of publications needed to promote, document, and encourage the interest and participation of the public and private sectors in the bicentennial events proposed for commemoration; and
- (7) A summary of recommendations for administrative actions and any additional legislation that may, in the judgement of the Commission, be necessary or desirable in implementing the bicentennial plan set forth in the interim report.
- (d) The Mayor shall submit to the Commission the Mayor's views on the interim report of bicentennial plans within 3 months of the Mayor's receipt of the interim report

together with any revisions, additions, or other recommendations.

- (e) The Commission shall submit to the Mayor its final report, setting forth the master plan for the celebration of the bicentennial events of the Constitution and of the District not more than 4 months from the date the Commission receives the Mayor's report of findings on the Commission's interim report.
- (f) The Mayor shall submit to the Council a report on the plan for celebrating the bicentennial of the adoption and ratification of the Constitution of the United States and of the transfer of the seat of the federal government to the District, and related commemorations, within 60 days from the date the Mayor receives the final report of the Commission.
- (g) The Mayor shall distribute copies of the report of the Mayor to all agencies of the District, to the District of Columbia Public Library, and to all federal and state governmental agencies and private organizations that participated in the work of the Commission. The Mayor shall also make copies of the report available to all Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and interested citizens.

Sec. 8. Effective Date.

This act shall take effect after a 30-day period of Congressional review following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council of the District of Columbia to override the veto) as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code, sec. 1-233(c)(1)).

Chairman

Council of the District of Columbia

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APPROVED: June 1, 1987



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