

Centennial Resolution # 2009-05-168
City of Fontitown, AR

A Resolution Proclaiming May 17th, 2009 as Centennial Celebration Day

WHEREAS, in 1909, the Town of Fontitown, in the county of Washington, State of Arkansas, was incorporated, its corporate limits established, its great seal approved and initial officers installed; and

WHEREAS, the town was named in honor of Henri De Fonti, an Italian lieutenant in the French army who helped establish Arkansas Post, the first permanent European settlement in the lower Mississippi River Valley, in 1686; and

WHEREAS, the government of said town was vested in a mayor and council members and that Father Pietro Bandini was elected as the first mayor of said town; and

WHEREAS, this great community, already in existence for 11 years, originally infused with 41 Italian families and individuals and joined later by additional families and individuals, all celebrating their annual picnic which grew into a festival in honor of the grape harvest, rejoicing in their new responsibilities as citizens of the United States and devoting themselves to their God, their family and their new Country; and

WHEREAS, in the 1st year the mayor and council established initial governance issues including regulations for meetings (Ord. # 1), revenue by taxation to meet expenses (Ord. # 2), secured the peace and quiet (Ord. # 4), licensed circuses, menageries, shows and theatrical exhibitions (Ord. # 7), and prohibited stock and cattle from running at large (Ord. # 9); and

WHEREAS, the City has grown and prospered over these 100 years due to many great businesses that have chosen to do business here; and due to the legions of citizens, many of whom are descended from the original immigrant families, who have chosen to live here, raise families here, and be a part of the rich tradition of giving back to their community and participating in its governance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fontitown is celebrating its Centennial during the year Two Thousand and Nine.

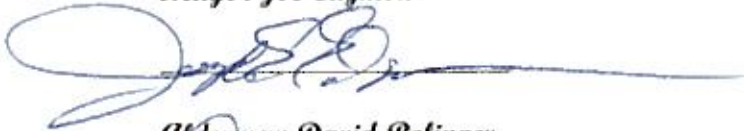
NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the current officials of the City of Fontitown, Arkansas that we welcome all citizens to participate in the Fontitown Centennial Celebration of the Incorporation of the Town of Fontitown on May 17th, 2009 at Harry Shamoto Park within the City of Fontitown and that we encourage all Citizens to continue celebrating Fontitown's heritage with great pride and with an ongoing commitment to the future accomplishments of our great City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have here to set our hands and caused the Seal of the City of Fontitown to be affixed this 5th day of May in the year of our Lord Two-Thousand and Nine.

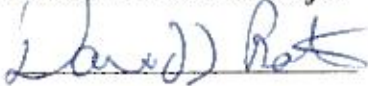
THE CITY OF FONTITOWN

Attest:


Mayor Joe Edgmon



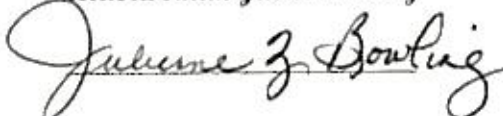
Alderman David Bolinger



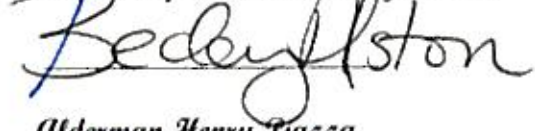
Alderman Arthur Penzo



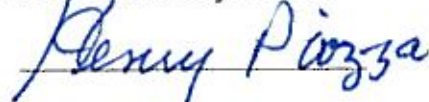
Alderwoman Julie Bowling



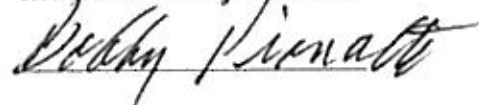
Recorder / Treasurer Becky Alston



Alderman Henry Piazza



Alderman Bobby Pjanatto



Alderman Ken Robertson

