

200 Years in the Making
Celebrating the Bicentennial of Louisiana Statehood
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Louisiana Bicentennial Commission

The Louisiana Bicentennial Commission was created to mark the 200th anniversary of Louisiana's attainment of statehood as the eighteenth state in the Union. Through both education and celebration, the Commission's goal is to commemorate our Bicentennial in every corner of the state.

In accordance with Act 550 of the 2010 Regular Session of the Legislature, as codified in R.S. 25:1232, the Bicentennial commission was formed. The following are members of the commission: Sen. Dan Claitor, Baton Rouge; Windell Curole, Galliano; Rhyn Duplechain, Opelousas; Randy Haynie, Lafayette; LTG (Retired) Russel Honoré, Baton Rouge, Sheila McCant, Baton Rouge, Rosemary Patterson, Bossier City; Sen. Karen Carter Peterson, New Orleans, Buddy Stall, Metairie, Roger Villere, Jr., Metairie; Sen. Mike Walsworth, W. Monroe; and Michael Wynne of Alexandria.



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Dear Educator,

The beginning of the 2011-2012 school year presents the educators of this state with a unique opportunity to engage all students in the birthday celebration of Louisiana's 200th year of statehood. Admitted as the eighteenth state into the Union on April 30, 1812, Louisiana, with its diverse heritage, is perhaps the most distinctive of all states. I encourage you to celebrate Louisiana's statehood, 200 years in the making, in all classrooms—elementary, middle, and secondary—and across the curricula.

To help educators incorporate the statehood celebration into their classroom, the Louisiana Bicentennial Commission, chaired by Lt. General (Retired) Russell Honoré, and the Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism have developed a standards-based desk reference, which will be accessible to teachers across this great state. The lesson plans and projects, designed for ease of implementation and aligned to the state standards and GLEs, will assist educators in actively engaging all students in learning about Louisiana. Some of the activities and materials that will be available to all educators include

- The Louisiana Statehood Bicentennial Desk Reference for Educators, complete with primary sources, historical essays, and lesson plans
- An Internet-based education site, www.crt.state.la.us/education
- A Web-based interactive Louisiana history timeline
- Statewide teacher workshops

Additionally, opportunities for student involvement across the state will be tremendous, as during 2012 Louisiana communities will commemorate not only the 200th anniversary of statehood, but also the bicentennial anniversary of the beginning of the War of 1812 and the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. This convergence of events provides an unprecedented opportunity for educators and communities to positively impact student learning.

Therefore, as we join to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Louisiana's statehood, I urge you to take advantage of the educational materials and opportunities provided by the Louisiana Bicentennial Commission and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor's Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism. Please visit the Louisiana Statehood Bicentennial Internet site, www.louisianabicentennial2012.com, or the Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism site, www.crt.state.la.us/education, for more information about our educational resources and opportunities.

Sincerely,

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