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The Caribou City Council held a Special Council meeting at on Sunday, April 5, 2009, at the Unitarian Universalist Church with following members present. Mayor Kenneth G. Murchison, Jr., Christopher AR Bell, R. Mark Goughan, Karla M. Bell, David Martin and Mary Kate Barbosa.

The program included welcoming remarks by Reverend Maury Landry, who pointed out the fact that the church, being the oldest meeting place in Caribou, was appropriately chosen for observing the date of the first organizational meeting of Lyndon in 1859.

2:10 p.m. Mayor Murchison called the meeting to order and offered welcoming remarks. He then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Caribou Middle School Chorus, comprised of students from grades six to eight, performed the first of three musical selections they presented during the program.

Katelyn Flick gave a summary of historical events surrounding and since the incorporation of Lyndon in April of 1859, the annexation of Letter I Plantation and Eaton Grant in 1869, its name change to Caribou in 1877 and Caribou's incorporation as a city in 1968.

Jim Cyr read excerpts from Lyndon's first organizational meeting in 1859.

Congratulatory letters from the various members of the Legislature were presented. Kim Rohn read a letter of recognition from Senator Olympia Snowe. Phil Bosse read a letter from Senator Susan Collins and presented a flag to the City that had been flown over the United States Capitol, as well as a copy of Senator Collins' Senate floor statement acknowledging Caribou's milestone celebration. Barbara Hayslett, area representative of Michael Michaud, offered congratulations on his behalf. Senator Troy Jackson and Representative Peter Edgecomb were in attendance and voiced their own sentiments to the citizens of Caribou and presented a plaque expressing the same on behalf of the 124th Legislature. Representative Edgecomb also read a congratulatory letter from Governor Baldacci. See Exhibits "A, B, C, D, E"

Mayor Murchison read the following proclamation:

Whereas, the City of Caribou is celebrating its 150th Sesquicentennial Celebration April 5, 2009; and

Whereas, Caribou was founded by hardworking, resilient, and productive individualists bound by faith and family; and

Whereas, Caribou, originating from Eaton Grant, was founded on the Aroostook River which served as the main road into rugged wilderness of Aroostook; and

Whereas, Caribou's entrepreneurial spirit was founded on an extractive economy based on the bounty of our natural resources such as timber and farming; and

Whereas, these important historical contributions to local commerce helped to build and sustain the community; and

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Whereas, today this same spirit can be found as forward thinking entrepreneurs employ technology to enhance the options of our resource based economy to more effectively meet our future challenges; and

Whereas, with over 8,000 residents, Caribou embraces a diverse community and invites people from around the globe to work, learn and grow in the City of Caribou; and

Whereas, the City Council and citizens of Caribou greatly appreciate the ongoing commitment of the 150th Committee members, business sponsors and community members who dedicated their time and efforts to bring us this celebration honoring Caribou's 150th Anniversary; and

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed, that the City Council of the City of Caribou hereby designates Sunday, April 5, 2009, as Caribou's 150th Sesquicentennial Anniversary and invites the community to participate in a historical celebration throughout 2009 thereby honoring this day in history

Signed this 5th day of April, 2009 by the Caribou City Council

Motion made by C. Bell, seconded by D. Martin, to authorize the Sesquicentennial Proclamation. (5 yes) So voted.

Diana Rauch, along with several other members of the Crown of Maine Chapter of the Pine Tree Quilters Guild, presented the City with a sesquicentennial quilt, which commemorates and is dedicated to the women of Caribou who were first in their various career fields or endeavors.

2:57 p.m. Motion made by K. Bell, seconded by M K Barbosa, to adjourn the meeting. (5 yes) So voted.

Judy-Ann Corrow, Secretary