

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Be Adopted
<b>Vote:</b>	8 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Barnhart, Berger, Dembrow, Hicks, Holvey, Jenson, Kennemer, Garrett
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Hoyle,
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Erin Seiler, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	6/17

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Recognizes 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Aurora Colony Historical Society.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- History of Aurora Colony Historical Society
- Founding families of Aurora Colony
- Descendants of founding families who remain active within organization

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Aurora Colony was founded as a Christian communal society in 1856 by German and Swiss immigrants and first-generation Americans. In 1956, a centennial celebration was organized by descendants of the Aurora Colony. Out of that event came a resolution to build a museum where the unique treasures and history of the Aurora Colony could be preserved and displayed. The Aurora Colony Historical Society was founded in 1963 to promote interactive lifelong learning by inspiring curiosity about the heritage of the Aurora Colony. The Aurora Colony Historical Society celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 18 recognizes the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Aurora Colony Historical Society.