

RESOLUTION NO. 1343

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCATTERGOOD FRIENDS
SCHOOL & FARM FOUNDING

WHEREAS, Quaker pioneers arriving in Iowa from Ohio, known as The Hickory Grove Quarterly Meeting, longed to create a co-educational boarding high school where their children could receive a “guarded education;” and

WHEREAS, students were exhorted to develop the “fruits of a virtuous character” to become fitted for great usefulness in society and the world; and

WHEREAS, in 1929, Scattergood, like the rest of the country, was caught in the wake of the Great Depression and the decision was made to close the school in 1931, the American Friends Service Committee suggested Scattergood be utilized as a Refugee Hostel for European refugees fleeing the Nazis from April 1939 until March 1943; and

WHEREAS, the Scattergood Refugee Hostel, one of four in the nation, organized instruction, language lessons and work for the 186 refugees, assisting refugees in overcoming the trauma of their experiences and building new lives in America; and

WHEREAS, in 1944 when Scattergood reopened its doors as a school, hundreds of students from around the globe have since come to know and love Iowa, West Branch and the educational opportunities afforded through the school’s restored prairie, organic farm and orchard, enjoying a progressive model of learning unique to Scattergood Friends School; and

WHEREAS, today Scattergood Friends School and Farm has continued more than a century of progressive Quaker-based college preparatory education preparing students for higher learning, and a life rooted in Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Stewardship and Equality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa hereby recognizes Scattergood Friends School & Farm for 125 years of contributions to the West Branch Community. Further, the Mayor Pro Tem is directed to execute the resolution on behalf of the City.

Passed and approved this 1st day of June, 2015.


Colton Miller, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Matt Muckler, City Administrator/Clerk