



July 3, 2024

Mayor Frank Rostek
and
Mayor Robert Henning
Stadt Bleicherode
Hauptstraße 37
99752 Bleicherode, Germany

Dear Mayor Frank Rostek and Mayor Robert Henning

We, the members and staff of the Aurora Colony Historical Society, are honored to join you in celebrating the unveiling of the plaque commemorating the birthplace of Heinrich Wilhelm Keil, founder of the Aurora Colony. This event marks a celebration of our shared heritage and also the beginning of a deeper relationship between the cities of Aurora, Oregon, and Bleicherode, Germany.

Heinrich Wilhelm Keil's visionary leadership and commitment to community laid the foundation for the Aurora Colony, which grew into a vibrant and historically rich community whose influence is felt today. It is fitting that we honor his birthplace in Bleicherode, a city that shaped his early life and ideals. The plaque stands as a testament to our shared history and the enduring bond between our communities. We look forward to building a stronger link with the people of Bleicherode.

On behalf of the Aurora Colony Historical Society, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to you, Mayor Rostek and Mayor Henning, and the citizens of Bleicherode for your support and collaboration in this endeavor. We are excited to embark on this journey together, strengthening the ties between our communities and honoring the legacy of Heinrich Wilhelm Keil.

Please accept our warmest regards and best wishes for the successful unveiling ceremony. We look forward to many opportunities to build connections between our communities.

Sincerely,

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