

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 291

Approved June 25, 2024

WHEREAS, June 19th is a symbolic date for our nation as on that date in 1865, some 2,000 Union Troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas, and announced that the more than 250,000 slaves in the state were free by executive decree under the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, This day of freedom came to be known as "Juneteenth" by the newly freed people in Texas and is now celebrated in all 50 states and the District of Columbia as a special day of observance in recognition of the emancipation of all slaves in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth would not be possible were it not for the courage, determination, and strength of former slaves who relentlessly fought for their freedom and dignity; and

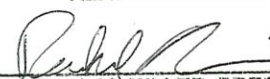
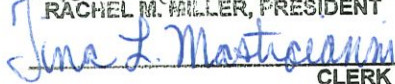
WHEREAS, The United States Congress has recognized the cultural and historical significance of Juneteenth as part of the history and heritage of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth serves as a lasting reminder to all Americans about the horrors of slavery that mark our Nation's history, celebrates the emancipation of all slaves in the United States, and provides a forum for open and honest dialogue around what measures are still needed in order to ensure permanent equality and opportunity for the African-American community.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby recognizes and celebrates Juneteenth for its historical significance to the United States and in recognition of the contributions that former slaves and their descendants have made throughout the history of our nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby recognizes June 19th as "Juneteenth" in the City of Providence.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUN 20 2024
READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor
Date: 6/25/24