

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 280

Approved June 24, 2021

WHEREAS, June 19<sup>th</sup> is a symbolic date for our nation as on that date in 1865 Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, TX, and announced the end of the Civil War and the end of slavery; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth began as a holiday in the State of Texas and is now celebrated in 46 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 if it were not for the courage and determination 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 reminder to all Americans about the horrors of slavery, 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 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby recognizes June 19<sup>th</sup> as "Juneteenth" in the city of Providence in perpetuity.

IN CITY COUNCIL

JUN 17 2021  
READ AND PASSED

JOHN J. IGLIOZZI, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor

Date:

6/24/21