

The City of Richmond Heights **Resolution**

RESOLUTION NO.: 47 -2022

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Kim A. Thomas

A Resolution Declaring June 19th, Known as “Juneteenth,” a Municipal Holiday in the City of Richmond Heights and Permanently Recognizing Juneteenth as a Paid Holiday for All Fulltime City Employees.

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2021, the President of the United States, Joseph R. Biden, signed into law a bill recognizing June 19th, known as “Juneteenth,” as a national holiday;

WHEREAS, June 19th has been designated as a national holiday to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States;

WHEREAS, Juneteenth has been celebrated by African Americans as an annual holiday, sometimes known as “Juneteenth Independence Day,” “Freedom Day” or “Emancipation Day” since the late 1800s;

WHEREAS, the holiday’s name stems from the date of June 19, 1865, when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced that in accordance with the Emancipation Proclamation, which had been issued more than two and a half years earlier, on January 1, 1863, by President Abraham Lincoln, all slaves are free;

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a day to celebrate not only of freedom from slavery and to recognize the equality of all formerly enslaved people of the United States of America but also to celebrate and to strive for freedom and equality for all persons on this earth;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: June 19th, known as “Juneteenth”, is hereby declared a municipal holiday in the City of Richmond Heights, Ohio, and the City of Richmond Heights, Ohio, does permanently recognize Juneteenth as a paid holiday for all full-time employees of the City.

Section 2: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and upon the signature of the Mayor.

PASSED: April 12, 2022

APPROVED: April 12, 2022

ATTEST: Betsy Traben

Betsy Traben
Clerk of Council

Kim A. Thomas, Mayor

Bobby Jordan
President of Council