



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
6611 Kenilworth Avenue • Riverdale, Maryland 20737

M-NCPPC Resolution 21-22

Designation of Juneteenth as an Authorized Commission Holiday

WHEREAS, it is recognized that consistent with federal law declaring June 19 as Juneteenth National Independence Day, this holiday commemorates the much-delayed emancipation of enslaved people in the United States upon learning of President Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation 2+ years after its effective date on January 1, 1863,

WHEREAS, Juneteenth Independence Day celebrations have been held to honor African-American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures;

WHEREAS the faith and strength of character demonstrated by former slaves and the descendants of former slaves remain an example for all people of the United States, regardless of background, religion, or race;

WHEREAS slavery was not officially abolished until the ratification of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States in December 1865; and

WHEREAS, over the course of its history, the United States has grown into a symbol of democracy and freedom around the world:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that June 19, Juneteenth National Independence Day, is designated as an official Commission holiday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLOVED, Juneteenth will be observed on the closest weekday when the holiday falls on a weekend.

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