



Legislation Text

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Title

Proclamation: Juneteenth Day of Observance

Action

ACTION:

Adopt a Proclamation observing June 19th as Juneteenth in Mecklenburg County

Commission Contact: George Dunlap, Chair

Presentation: No

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

On June 19, 1865, more than two years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln, Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to free 250,000 people still being held in bondage; and June 19th (Juneteenth) became the emancipation date of black Americans long suffering for freedom in the United States.

The celebration of Juneteenth is a recognition of the endurance, strength and resilience of black Americans over oppression and inequality in the United States; and for African Americans, Juneteenth is a tribute to the strength and perseverance of our ancestors and a reminder for all Americans to commit to the eradication of racism and inequity.

To honor Juneteenth, June 19, 2024 has been observed as "Juneteenth Day of Observance" in Mecklenburg County.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:

N/A

POLICY IMPACT:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A