



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA
RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
CELEBRATING THE JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY**

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, however news of the monumental legislation did not reach parts of the deep south and western most parts of the confederacy for more than two years; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, word finally reached Galveston, Texas where more than 250,000 slaves were set free, thus finally putting an end to slavery within the United States; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of this momentous event, Juneteenth has been celebrated throughout African American Communities across the nation as the true end of slavery and the nation's second Independence Day for more than 150 years; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the U.S. Federal Government officially declared Juneteenth a Federal Holiday, to be celebrated annually on June 19; and

WHEREAS, in December 2021, Delta Township officially recognized Juneteenth as a local government holiday, where administrative offices will henceforth be closed on June 19 in observance of the holiday.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that on this second day of May two-thousand-twenty-two the Delta Township Board recognizes and celebrates Juneteenth commemorating the official emancipation of all slaves within the United States.

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