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City of Manassas Observes June 19, 2020 as a Holiday in Observance of Juneteenth

City of Manassas, VA . . . In observance of Juneteenth, the City of Manassas has declared a local holiday for the City of Manassas Government. The Manassas City Council has made this declaration in honor of the 1865 declaration by Union General Gordon Granger that the enslaved people of Texas had been freed.

Juneteenth came two years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation to free all slaves. On June 16, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam declared Friday, June 19, 2020 as an official paid state holiday and asked that localities and businesses follow suit in providing the same.

The following City offices will not close to the public:

- Fire and Rescue
- Manassas City Police
- Voter Registration
- Outdoor parks remain open to the public

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