

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HORRY  
CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH



## MYRTLE BEACH RECOGNIZES 400 YEARS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

WHEREAS, The “400 Years of African American History Commission” was created by federal law in 2018 to recognize, highlight and educate the public about the resilience and contributions of African-Americans; and

WHEREAS, August 25 is set aside each year to mark the more than 400 years since the first documented arrival of Africans in the American colonies at Point Comfort, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, The enactment of the Juneteenth National Independence Day as the 12th federal holiday will acknowledge the annual significance of June 19, when in 1865 word of the Emancipation Proclamation finally reached everyone; and

WHEREAS, The time between June 19th and August 25th provides an opportunity to honor and celebrate the achievements and contributions that African Americans have made and continue to make to our city, nation and world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Myrtle Beach City Council hereby encourages all citizens to honor the period between June 19 and August 25 as a time of reflection and assessment and joins with others across the country in appreciation of freedom and in recognition of the power of our diverse stories and common bonds as Americans.

*Signed and sealed this 24th day of August 2021.*



*Brenda Bethune*

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