

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HORRY
CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH



MYRTLE BEACH CELEBRATES JUNETEENTH JUNE 19, 2021

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, Liberation Day and Emancipation Day, celebrates the end of slavery in the United States and is observed annually on June 19; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring that “all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State... shall be then, thenceforward and forever free”; and

WHEREAS, More than two years would pass before this news reached African Americans living in Texas, when Major General Gordon Granger and his Union regiment arrived in Galveston on June 19, 1865, and spread the word that slavery had been abolished; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest, nationally-celebrated commemoration of slavery’s end and, in 1997, June 19 was officially recognized by Congress as “Juneteenth Independence Day”; and

WHEREAS, Today, Juneteenth provides an opportunity to honor the principles of the American Declaration of Independence and to 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 celebrates Juneteenth on June 19, 2021, in commemoration of this landmark event and date, when it was known that slavery finally was abolished, and encourages all citizens to become more aware of the significance of this celebration in African American and United States history.



Signed and sealed this Eighth day of June 2021.

Brenda Bethune
BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

Jennifer Adkins
JENNIFER ADKINS, CITY CLERK