

RESOLUTION 2021-76

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF JUNETEENTH NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY

*WHEREAS*, June 19, 1865, or “Juneteenth,” is considered the date when the last slaves in America were freed when General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, and issued General Order No. 3, almost two and one-half years after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation; and

*WHEREAS*, Juneteenth is celebrated as a way to honor and reflect on the significant role that African Americans have played in the history of the United States and how they have enriched society through the promotion unity and equality, and the preservation of civil rights for all; and

*WHEREAS*, the holiday was celebrated informally since 1865, but it was not until 1980 that the first state, Texas, recognized it as a holiday. Since then, 47 states and the District of Columbia have recognized the significance of the day; and

*WHEREAS*, in 2019, Governor Tom Wolf signed legislation designating June 19 as “Juneteenth National Freedom Day;” and

*WHEREAS*, the observance of the end of slavery is an important part of the history and heritage of the United States; and

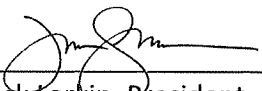
*WHEREAS*, the faith and strength of character demonstrated by former slaves and the descendants of former slaves remain an example for all people of the United States, regardless of background, religion, or race;

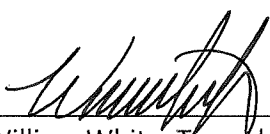
*WHEREAS*, Juneteenth celebrations have been held to honor African American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures;

*WHEREAS*, the continued nationwide celebration of Juneteenth National Freedom Day provides an opportunity for the people of the United States to learn more about the past and to better understand the experiences that have shaped the United States; and

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Commissioners for Radnor Township recognizes, adopts and proclaims this Resolution to underscore the freedom AND dignity of every human being. As a governmental body, we oppose and reject any form of oppression and pledge to support our residents, churches, and organizations working to achieve genuine equality and protect the human rights of all of people of Radnor.

RADNOR TOWNSHIP

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ATTEST:   
William White, Township Secretary