

Township of

FERGUSON

Pennsylvania

Proclamation

2022 JUNETEENTH DAY OF OBSERVANCE, JUNE 20, 2022

Whereas, the legacy of enslavement of Black Americans in the United States until 1865 is a legacy that will always negatively permeate into the fabric of this nation's founding, present times, and its future; and

Whereas, as students of history, it is incumbent upon all Americans to recognize the failures in human rights, dignity, and equality that were placed upon Black Americans by White Americans during that era of history, and efforts must always be made to educate those unaware of these atrocities, work to prevent racial prejudice, and always consciously attempt to heal the wounds on the Black American community; and


Whereas, this is why it is important for America to commemorate the holiday and traditions forged by Black Americans in Galveston, Texas, who were the first locality to celebrate Juneteenth, a celebration beginning in 1865 rooted in the freedom from slavery, with the final state of the Confederacy, Texas, finally abolishing the wretched institution; and

Whereas, this formal recognition of Juneteenth as a recognized holiday serves as a testament to the efforts being made by governing bodies across the United States towards the acknowledgement of the atrocities of the past, but also works to honor the courage and sacrifice of abolitionists, civil rights leaders, and all Black Americans who fought for their freedom and survival as a community, and celebrate their freedom from a vile institution; and

Now, therefore, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors does hereby designate the date of June 20, 2022, as the 2022 Juneteenth Day of Observance; and urges all Township residents to honor this holiday, its history, and to continually put their efforts towards creating a fairer, and more equal society for Black Americans now, and in the future.

PROCLAIMED this 21st day of June 2022.

Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors,



Laura Dininni, Chair