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Resolution Declaring Juneteenth an Official Paid Holiday In Hamilton County, Ohio

BY THE BOARD:

WHEREAS, The Confederate States of America was established in the Montgomery Convention in February 1861 by seven states that seceded from The United States of America, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, adding Texas in March before President Abraham Lincoln's inauguration), expanded in May–July 1861 (with Virginia, Arkansas, Tennessee, North Carolina).

WHEREAS, The statesmen who led the secession movement were unashamed to explicitly cite the defense of slavery as their prime motive acknowledging the centrality of slavery to the Confederacy is essential for understanding the Confederate.

WHEREAS, The Emancipation Proclamation declared "that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious states "are, and henceforward shall be free"; and

WHEREAS, The Civil War ended in the summer of 1865; and

WHEREAS, Union General Gordon Granger and his troops traveled to Galveston, Texas to announce "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor;" and

WHEREAS, General Orders No. 3 on June 19, 1865 would go on to be known and celebrated as Juneteenth.

WHEREAS, The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners and the Hamilton County Department of Human Resources recognize the significance of Juneteenth to our country, county and our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that going forward annually, June 19th is hereby declared a paid holiday for Board of Commissioner employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that June 19 is officially declared a paid holiday for the Hamilton County Board of Commissioner employees beginning June 19, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify copies of this resolution to Jeff Aluotto, Hamilton County Administrator and Frank Spataro, Director of HR.

ADOPTED at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners this ___ Day of _____, 2020.

Ms. Driehaus _____ Ms. Dumas _____ Ms. Parks _____

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Ohio, in session this _____ Day of _____, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Office of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Ohio, this ___ Day of _____, 2020.

Jacqueline Panioto, Clerk
Hamilton County Commissioners
Hamilton County, Ohio