

RESOLUTION 2021-03

**AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE IN EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK PROCEDURES TO
INCLUDE JUNETEENTH, JUNE 19TH, AS AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY**

WHEREAS, news of the end of slavery did not reach the frontier areas of the United States, in particular the State of Texas and the other Southwestern States, until months after the conclusion of the Civil War, more than 2½ years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, and;

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War had ended and that the enslaved were free, and;

WHEREAS, African-Americans who had been slaves in the Southwest celebrated June 19, commonly known as “Juneteenth Independence Day”, as inspiration and encouragement for future generations, and;

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, officially Juneteenth National Independence Day is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans, and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Cottage City officially recognizes the 19th of June as a celebration of Juneteenth, and;

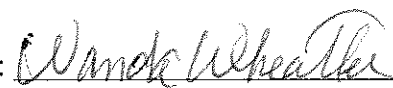
WHEREAS, the Town’s Employee Handbook specifies the observed holidays that employees may receive off.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Cottage City Commission that on June 19th, recognizing Juneteenth, employees shall have the day off.

ATTEST:


TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY, MARYLAND


Consuella Barbour, Town Manager

By: 
Wanda Wheatley, Commissioner-Chair

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY, as the duly appointed Town Manager of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland, that on the 14th day of July 2021 with 4 Aye votes and 0 Nay votes, the aforesaid Resolution 2021-03 passed.



Consuella Barbour, Town Manager