

## RESOLUTION 2022 - 072

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### A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JUNE 19 AN ANNUAL CITY HOLIDAY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 1865, news reached Galveston, Texas, that the Civil War had ended and that all enslaved persons were now released from the bondage of slavery; and

**WHEREAS**, June 19th has been celebrated in communities across the nation as “Juneteenth” and has also been designated “Freedom Day”, “Jubilee Day”, “Liberation Day”, and “Emancipation Day”; and

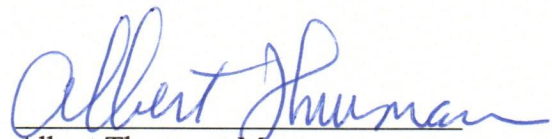
**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth. is a holiday that acknowledge the catastrophic legacy of slavery for generations of Black/African Americans and celebrates the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in the United States; and

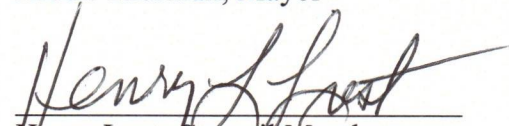
**WHEREAS**. this day has special significance for Black/African Americans, but the historical and cultural impact of slavery and the end of this atrocity should be acknowledged by all Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Powder Springs finds that the celebration of Juneteenth is an appropriate opportunity to renew our commitment to educate ourselves about the legacy of slavery and inequity, and to reaffirm our commitment to greater racial and social justice;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council for the City of Powder Springs that beginning in 2022 June 19 will be an annual holiday for all City staff and will be celebrated as “Juneteenth”. Furthermore, if Juneteenth falls on a Saturday all staff and volunteers will celebrate the holiday on Friday, June 18. If Juneteenth falls on a Sunday, all staff and volunteers will celebrate the holiday on Monday, June 20. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

**SO RESOLVED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

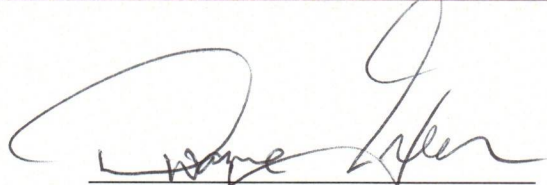
  
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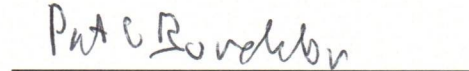
  
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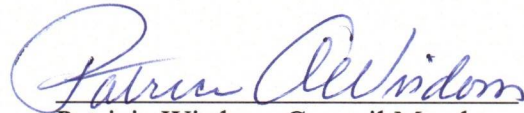
  
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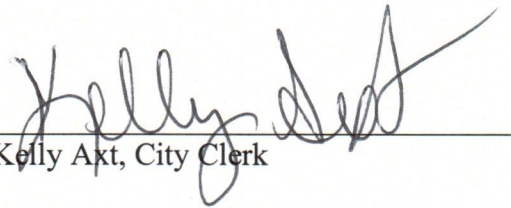
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