



PROCLAMATION

Juneteenth 2025

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of chattel slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on June 19th, 1865, Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the remaining enslaved Black people in Texas were now free, nearly two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation and two months after the end of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, while these words created a legal means to continue the fight for equality, equality remained a distant reality; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Juneteenth is about the journey of Black Americans, from a horrific period of enslavement to blessed freedom; and

WHEREAS, today we celebrate incremental progress with this resolution recognizing and celebrating the moment when emancipation reached the last enslaved part of the confederacy in Texas, and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth celebrates resilience and determination that will always be of historical and spiritual significance; and

WHEREAS, we honor those who have come before us, we remember those who have lost their lives, and we continue the work of those who have collectively paved the way towards a more just society; and

WHEREAS, we pay tribute to this journey and we acknowledge the many roles and contributions of the Black community to this country; and

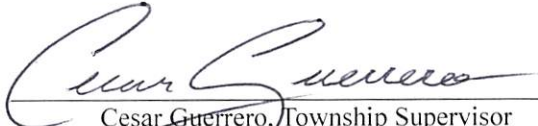
WHEREAS, Joliet Township Government celebrates Juneteenth and celebrates the freedom of our Black sisters and brothers.

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED Joliet Township Government hereby recognizes and designates the 19th of June as Juneteenth Day.

ADOPTED this 10th day of June 2025.

ATTEST:


Kendra Landfair, Township Clerk


Cesar Guerrero, Township Supervisor