

Juneteenth Celebration

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION by the Town of Princess Anne Commissioners, Princess Anne, Maryland, declaring June 19, 2021, as the "Day to Celebrate Juneteenth 2021."

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, setting in motion the end of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Civil War ended with the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865; and

WHEREAS, this news reached Texas when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston Bay with Union troops. It was on June 19, 1865, that he announced: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free."


WHEREAS, the celebration of the end of slavery, which became known as Juneteenth, is the oldest known public celebration of the end of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and celebrates the successes gained through education and greater opportunity; and

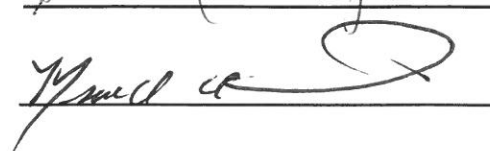
WHEREAS, on a larger scale, the celebration of Juneteenth reminds each of us of the precious promises of freedom, equality, and opportunity which are at the core of the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth 2021 will be celebrated in Somerset County, at Freedom Fest, to be held at Manokin River Park in Princess Anne on Saturday, June 19, 2021, from 11:00 AM to 6 PM;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Princess Anne Town Commission, on behalf of the Town Commission do hereby proclaim June 19 as a day to celebrate Juneteenth 2021 and urge all the people of Princess Anne to recognize this event and to celebrate its annual observance.

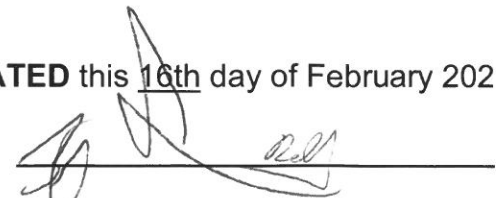


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DATED this 16th day of February 2021



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