

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

June 14, 2023

No. 23-40

Proclamation

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JUNE 19TH AS JUNETEENTH DAY – AN OFFICIAL
CITY HOLIDAY**

WHEREAS, 2023 will be the 158th year of Juneteenth Day, a day which celebrates and recognizes the rich culture, legacy and heritage of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, On June 19, 1865 Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas announcing that enslaved African Americans were freed, two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation from January 1, 1863; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth today is an opportunity for reflection, education, and action on the history and ramifications of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth today is also an opportunity to celebrate freedom, achievements, contributions and excellence that the African American community has made in Falcon Heights and the United States; and

WHEREAS, President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act on June 17, 2021 making Juneteenth an official federal holiday; and

WHEREAS, Governor Tim Walz signed a bill, HF48/SF13, into law on February 3, 2023 making Juneteenth an official state holiday; and

WHEREAS, Falcon Heights is committed to fostering and cultivating an inclusive and caring community, and urge all residents to become more aware of the significance of this celebration.

WHEREAS, the Personnel Policy is a living document that is revised from time to time as need arises.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF Falcon Heights, Minnesota:

1. Does hereby proclaim June 19th as Juneteenth Day; and

2. Authorizes the City Administrator to revise the Personnel Policy to include Juneteenth as a City holiday.

Moved by: Leehy

Approved by: 
Randy Gustafson
Mayor

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Attested by: 
Jack Linehan
City Administrator