

IN RECOGNITION OF JUNETEENTH DAY

JUNE 19, 2023

- WHEREAS,** JUNETEENTH, IS THE OLDEST NATIONALLY CELEBRATED COMMEMORATION OF THE END OF SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES. THE ORIGIN OF JUNETEENTH BEGAN IN 1865 ON JUNE 19TH IN GALVESTON, TEXAS, AND PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE DAY UNION ARMY MAJOR GENERAL GORDON GRANGER AND 2,000 FEDERAL TROOPS ARRIVED IN GALVESTON WITH NEWS THAT THE WAR HAD ENDED AND THAT THE ENSLAVED WERE NOW FREE; AND
- WHEREAS,** JUNETEENTH IS ALSO KNOWN AS AFRICAN-AMERICAN EMANCIPATION DAY AND IS CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND BEYOND. IT IS A TIME FOR REFLECTION, REJOICING, ASSESSMENT, SELF-DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE, WHILE ENCOURAGING RESPECT FOR ALL CULTURES; AND
- WHEREAS,** JUNETEENTH IS ENJOYING A PHENOMENAL GROWTH WITHIN COMMUNITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE SMITHSONIAN, THE HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND OTHERS HAVE BEGUN SPONSORING JUNETEENTH-CENTERED ACTIVITIES. THE CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH UNITES PEOPLE OF ALL RACES, RELIGIONS, AND CREEDS THROUGH UNITY AND UNDERSTANDING WHILE PROMOTING AND CULTIVATING THE KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE; AND
- WHEREAS,** IN CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH 2023, THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE RETURNS TO IT'S PERENNIAL THEME, *SENSES OF FREEDOM: THE TASTE, SOUND, AND EXPERIENCE OF AN AFRICAN AMERICAN CELEBRATION*. ON FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2023, AT 5:00PM AT ARTSPARK, AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION WILL INCLUDE THE SOUTH BROWARD HIGH SCHOOL BAND, BROWARD COLLEGE JAZZ BAND, CAMERON MARCEL ANDERSON "HANDS ON TIME", THE JUNKANOO BAND AND STILT WALKERS, NATALIE'S DANCE ACADEMY, FAMILY YOGA, FOLLOWED BY HEADLINER'S IKE AND VAL WOODS AND MORE. THE EVENING WILL CLOSE WITH MOVIE NIGHT FEATURING "SOUL" STARTING AT 8:00 P.M.
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 19, 2023, AS:

JUNETEENTH DAY

SIGNED THIS 7TH DAY OF
JUNE 2023 AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR ADAM GRUBER
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM
COMMISSIONER LINDA HILL ANDERSON
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN
COMMISSIONER IDELMA QUINTANA