

RESOLUTION 18, 2024

CITY CLERK

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA:

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation, issued by President Abraham Lincoln, legally ended slavery; and

WHEREAS, in December 1865, the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution was nationally ratified, ending the sanctioned institution of slavery; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, two and one-half years after the Emancipation Proclamation, Union Soldiers led by General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas to enforce the emancipation of enslaved people and inform the last of those enslaved within the borders of the United States that they were free; and

WHEREAS, June 19 has been celebrated in communities across the nation as Juneteenth and also is known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Liberation Day, Emancipation Day, Black Independence Day, and in our community as Terre Haute Day; and

WHEREAS, June 19, or Juneteenth, became nationally recognized as National Freedom Day in 2021; and

WHEREAS, on this anniversary each year, families, churches, organizations and individuals throughout our city celebrate the diverse mosaic of African American heritage and culture with events and celebrations; and

WHEREAS, the Terre Haute Day Organizing Committee commemorates the Fifth Annual Juneteenth event; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the significance of Juneteenth in the broader context of Black history and the ongoing fight for civil rights and social justice; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute encourages all people to observe Juneteenth as an opportunity to learn, reflect, and celebrate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Terre Haute City Council, join city and county government leaders all over the United States in proclaiming Wednesday, June 19, 2024, to be

Juneteenth

- Introduced by: K. Hinton Kandace Hinton, Councilperson
- Introduced by: George Azar George Azar, Councilperson
- Introduced by: Tammy Boland Tammy Boland, Councilperson
- Introduced by: James Chalos James Chalos, Councilperson
- Introduced by: Curtis DeBaun Curtis DeBaun, Councilperson
- Introduced by: Anthony Dinkel Anthony Dinkel, Councilperson
- Introduced by: Cheryl Loudermilk Cheryl Loudermilk, Councilperson
- Introduced by: Todd Nation Todd Nation, Councilperson
- Introduced by: Amanda Thompson Amanda Thompson, Councilperson

Passed in open Council this 16th of June, 2024.

Tammy Boland Tammy Boland, President

ATTEST: Michelle L. Edwards Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor this 16th day of June, 2024 at 9:05pm o'clock.

Michelle L. Edwards, Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk

Approved by me, the Mayor, this 16th of June, 2024.

Brandon C. Sakbun Brandon C. Sakbun, Mayor

ATTEST: Michelle L. Edwards Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk