

RESOLUTION 1247

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, DECLARING THE NINETEENTH OF JUNE, RECOGNIZED AS JUNETEENTH, AS AN OFFICIAL CITY HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, since its origin in 1865 in Galveston, Texas, the observance of June 19 (Juneteenth) as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth reminds us of the horrors of our country's past, commemorates African American freedom, acknowledges the resilience and determination that African Americans have shown, and pays homage to those who have paved the road to freedom in America; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a day to recognize the contributions that African Americans have made to our state and country, is a chance to reflect on the progress that must continue to ensure that all have equal access and opportunity to participate fully in our society, is marked with celebrations, picnics, and family gatherings, and is a time for reflection and rejoicing, assessment, self-improvement and planning for the future; and

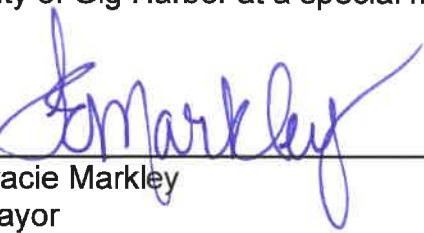
WHEREAS, the State of Washington codified the observance of Juneteenth in 2021 by including it in the list of state legal holidays listed in RCW 1.16.050;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor:

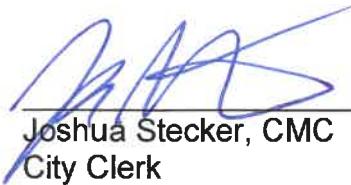
Section 1. The City Council hereby designates the nineteenth day of June, recognized as Juneteenth, as an official City holiday. If the holiday falls on a Saturday it shall be observed on the preceding Friday. If the holiday falls on a Sunday it shall be observed on the following Monday.

Section 2. The City of Gig Harbor Personnel Regulations are hereby amended to include Juneteenth as an official City holiday.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor at a special meeting thereof, held this 1st day of June, 2022.


Tracie Markley
Mayor

Attest:


Joshua Stecker, CMC
City Clerk