



JUNETEENTH DAY OF OBSERVANCE, 2022

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 2021, the President of the United States declared June 19th as Juneteenth Day of Observance across the nation to acknowledge and celebrate the end of the Civil War and the emancipation of Black Americans; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, almost ninety years after the country was founded, and more than two years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, enslaved Americans in Galveston, Texas, finally received word by Union soldiers that they were free from bondage; and

WHEREAS, as first-time citizens, Black Americans came to commemorate Juneteenth with celebrations of new lives and traditions across the country known by many names as Jubilee Day, Freedom Day and Liberation Day; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, Juneteenth has been recognized by law in Missouri as Emancipation Day and dedicated by statute inscribed that “Americans devote some part of the day to remember the proclamation that began the full realization for all people in the United States of the self-evident truth, as stated in the Declaration of Independence of the United States, that all men are created equal;” and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Warrensburg are urged to recommit with purpose and resolve to the work of equity, equality and justice for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Tarl Bentley, Chairman Pro Tem of Warrensburg, Missouri, along with other members of the Warrensburg City Council, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2022 to be **JUNETEENTH DAY OF OBSERVANCE IN THE CITY OF WARRENSBURG, MISSOURI.**

Dated this 13th day of June, 2022.

ATTEST:

Jodi L. Schneider, City Clerk

Tarl Bentley, Chairman Pro Tem
Jim Kushner, Mayor
Casey Lund, Council Member
Bruce D. Uhler, Council Member
Eddie Osborne, Council Member