



**Genesee County
Resolution #2025-1808**

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE JUNE 19, 2025, AS JUNETEENTH IN GENESEE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the celebration of Juneteenth recognizes the abolishment of slavery and the anniversary of Union Army General Gordon Granger landing in Galveston, Texas in June 1865 (two and-a-half years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation), where he read aloud General Order #3 stating that all enslaved people were free; and

WHEREAS, June 19 is a day to reflect and rejoice, marking freedom for people who toiled, suffered, and resisted under the yoke of enslavement; that it is also an occasion to embrace with joy the ingenuity, spirit, and vibrancy of African American culture; and that it offers a poignant reminder that none of us are free unless all of us are free and that the work to advance freedom and rights for African Americans has helped solidify rights that every person in the country depends upon; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth was officially adopted as a federal holiday in 2021 while Juneteenth has been celebrated in Genesee County for 53 years, spurred on by Dr. E. Hill De Loney, who was known as the “Founder and Mother of the Flint Juneteenth Celebration,” who established planning committees with local Flint and Genesee County residents to host annual Juneteenth events, parades, and the annual Youth Freedom Fund Dinner; and

WHEREAS, local Juneteenth festivities start this year on May 31 and continue through June 22 with a variety of activities throughout the Genesee County Community:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Genesee County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes Juneteenth 2025 in Genesee County and encourages all county departments to engage in celebratory activities and appropriate recognitions, such participation in community events, sharing stories, and learning about contributions African Americans have made to our county and nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Genesee County Clerk/Register is directed to provide one copy of this Resolution to each city, village, and township within Genesee County and to each County Clerk in the State of Michigan.

MOVED: Weighill

SECONDED: Winfrey

VOTE: 7 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

Resolution adopted this 28th day of May, 2025.



Domonique Clemons, Genesee County Clerk-Register of Deeds

State of Michigan
County of Genesee

I, **DOMONIQUE CLEMONS**, County Clerk and Register of Deeds of the County of Genesee, Michigan, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, and Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of Resolution 2025-1808 with original record thereof now remaining in my office,

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court and County, this 2nd day of June A.D. 2025.



DOMONIQUE CLEMONS, Clerk-Register