

Resolution No. 15 2024

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JUNE 19, 2024, AS
“JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY” IN THE CITY OF
NORWOOD**

WHEREAS, at the end of the Civil War, news of the end of slavery did not reach the frontier areas of the United States, in particular the State of Texas and the other Southwestern States, until months after the war’s conclusion, more than 2½ years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War had ended and that the enslaved were free; and

WHEREAS, African-Americans who had been slaves in the Southwest celebrated June 19, commonly known as “Juneteenth Independence Day”, as inspiration and encouragement for future generations; and

WHEREAS, African-Americans from the Southwest have continued the tradition of observing Juneteenth Independence Day for over 150 years; and

WHEREAS, 45 States and the District of Columbia have designated Juneteenth Independence Day as a special day of observance in recognition of the emancipation of all slaves in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth Independence Day celebrations have been held to honor African-American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures; and

WHEREAS, the faith and strength of character demonstrated by former slaves and the descendants of former slaves remain an example for all people of the United States, regardless of background, religion, or race; and

WHEREAS, slavery was not officially abolished until the ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States in December 1865; and

WHEREAS, over the course of its history, the United States has grown into a symbol of democracy and freedom around the world:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norwood, Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Council of the City of Norwood hereby:

(1) acknowledges that all people in the City of Norwood are the recipients of the wealth of history provided by Black culture;

(2) recognizes the importance of Juneteenth as an opportunity to reflect on the complex history of the United States, including the City of Norwood, while remaining hopeful and confident about the path ahead;

(3) acknowledges the significance of Juneteenth as an important opportunity to commemorate the tremendous contributions of African Americans to the history of the United States, including the City of Norwood;

(4) encourages the celebration of Juneteenth to provide a continuing opportunity for all people in the City of Norwood to learn from the past and understand the experiences that have shaped the United States;


(5) agrees that, while the United States began as a divided country, the United States must—

(A) honor the contribution of all pioneers in the United States who have helped to ensure the legacy of the great United States; and

(B) move forward with purpose, united tirelessly as a nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

SECTION 2. Council hereby declares June 19, 2024 to be “Juneteenth Independence Day” in Norwood, Ohio, to encourage our residents to learn about Black History, as it is all of our history.

PASSED 6/11/2024
Date



Joseph S. Geers
President of Council

ATTEST:

Natalie Assaf, the duly appointed Clerk of Council, attests that this resolution was passed at a regular/special meeting of Norwood City Council on the 11 day of June, 2024 in compliance with the rules of Norwood City Council and the laws of the State of Ohio. The foregoing resolution was submitted to the Mayor of the City of Norwood, Ohio for his signature on the 11 day of June, 2024.



Natalie Assaf
Clerk of Council

APPROVED 11 June 24
Date

Victor Schneider
Victor Schneider
Mayor

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION:

Natalie Assaf, the duly appointed Clerk of Council, attests that this ordinance was published in the ENQUIRER on 6/18/24 and 6/05/24.
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Natalie Assaf
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Clerk of Council

1st Reading _____
Date

2nd Reading _____
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3rd Reading _____
Date

All 3 Readings 6/11/24
Date

Tabled _____
Date

Vetoed _____
Date