

**MOTION: JAMES**

**May 12, 2022  
Regular Meeting  
HRC RES 22-06**

**SECOND: LAOS**

**RE: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE, AFFIRM AND RECOGNIZE THE 19<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE OF 2022 AS JUNETEENTH DAY.**

**ACTION:**

**WHEREAS**, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation declaring “all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free;” and

**WHEREAS**, President Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation, signed on September 22, 1862, became effective on January 1, 1863, thereby freeing slaves of this nation’s original sin of human bondage throughout much of the United States of America, including the Commonwealth of Virginia and Prince William County; and

**WHEREAS**, On June 17, 2021, President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, making June 19 a legal public holiday.

**WHEREAS**, the annual observance of Juneteenth provides residents and employees of Prince William County an opportunity to reflect on the impact of slavery and remember those who were enslaved here and their profound contributions to our community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Prince William County Human Rights Commission encourages all citizens and residents to pause and reflect upon the significance of June 19, 1865, and its importance in our never-ending effort to make our nation a more perfect union.

**Votes:**

**Ayes:** Porter, BruMar, Laos, Johnston, Young, James, Muz, Pratter

**Nays:** Lee

**Abstained:** None

**Absent from the meeting:** None

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_



Executive Director