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**RESOLUTION 2023-21  
CITY OF HAYWARD, FREEBORN COUNTY,**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RECOGNIZING JUNE 19th AS "JUNETEENTH DAY" AS A STATE-RECOGNIZED HOLIDAY**

**WHEREAS**, Although the Emancipation Proclamation took effect in 1863, enslaved people in some Confederate states, including Texas, were not free until two years later. On June 19, 1865, the Union Army went to Galveston Bay, Texas to announce the end of the Civil War, enforce the Emancipation Proclamation, and finally free more than 250,000 enslaved people. The newly freed people in Texas named that day "Juneteenth."

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth was first celebrated by Texans in 1866, and as families emigrated across the country, they brought their traditions with them. Today, there are celebrations across the country to commemorate Juneteenth and celebrate when enslaved people in Texas were finally informed they were free.

**WHEREAS**, This year, Gov. Tim Walz signed a bill recognizing Juneteenth as a state holiday in Minnesota. Although the law goes into effect Aug. 1, 2023, a provision in the bill requires the day to be observed this year (2023). This means cities will need to adjust their schedules to recognize June 19 as a holiday.

**WHEREAS**, A bill to establish Juneteenth as a state-recognized holiday, HF 48 (Rep. Ruth Richardson, DFL-Mendota Heights/Sen. Bobby Champion, DFL-Minneapolis), was passed off the Senate floor on Jan. 26 with a vote of 57-8. On Feb. 2, it was passed by the House by a vote of 126-1. The bill was signed into law by Gov. Tim Walz.

**WHEREAS**, The holiday is to recognize the date on which slavery was abolished in the United States. Public business cannot be conducted on June 19 in observance of the holiday.

**WHEREAS**, The new law was set to go into effect on Aug. 1, 2023, however, a provision contained in HF 1830 (Rep. Ginny Klevorn, DFL-Plymouth/Sen. Samakab Hussein, DFL-St. Paul), the state and local government omnibus bill, changes the effective date to make the new holiday effective before June 19 of this year (2023), requiring that the day be observed.

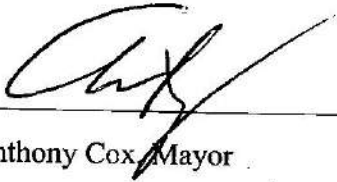
**WHEREAS**, The HF 1830 conference committee report containing the updated effective date was passed by the House and Senate and will now go to Gov. Tim Walz to be signed. Cities will need to update their existing schedules to reflect the June 19 holiday and make any necessary adjustments.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of Hayward, MN:

- (1) designating June 19 annually as "Juneteenth Day" within the City of Hayward;
- (2) recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Day for the residents of the City of Hayward;

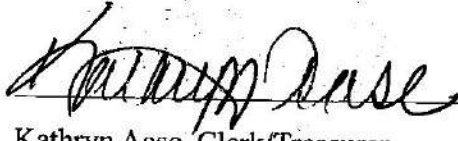
(3) amending The City's Human Resources Administrative Policy by adding JUNETEENTH as a state-recognized holiday, effective June 19, 2023;

(2) PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD, this **12th day of JUNE, 2023**



Anthony Cox, Mayor

Attest:



Kathryn Aase, Clerk/Treasurer