

**Resolution No. 2022-5 of the Board of Commissioners
of La Porte County, Indiana recognizing the significance
of Juneteenth Independence Day**

WHEREAS, news of the end of slavery did not reach the frontier areas of the United States, in particular Southwestern states until months after the conclusion of the Civil War, more than 2 ½ 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 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 this has been a tradition in the Southwest for more than 150 years, and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth Independence Day began as a holiday in the State of Texas and is now celebrated in 46 states and the District of Columbia 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 13th 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,


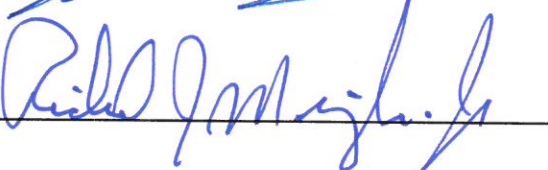
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LA PORTE COUNTY THAT

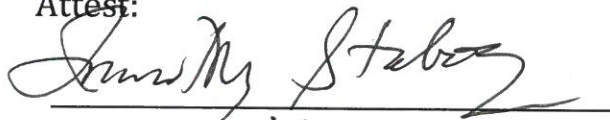
1. This Board recognizes the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day to the United States and
2. We support the continued nationwide celebration of Juneteenth Independence Day to provide an opportunity for the people of our nation to learn more about the past and to better understand the experiences that have shaped the United States, and
3. We recognize that the observance of the end of slavery is an important part of the history and heritage of the United States.

All of which is resolved this 15th day of June, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA.

Attest:


Auditor

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