

Town of Fairfield, Connecticut

Proclamation



WHEREAS: On June 19, 1865 — months after the Civil War ended and more than two years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation freeing enslaved people — Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to free 250,000 people still held in bondage. The arrival of Major General Gordon Granger and his troops signaled that the Federal Government would not relent until the last enslaved people in America were free; and

WHEREAS: On Juneteenth, we commemorate that day and honor the tireless work of abolitionists who made it their mission to deliver the promise of America for all Americans. We honor the generations of activists who have advanced the need for our Nation to recognize Juneteenth as a way to reconcile our past as we build a better American future together; and

WHEREAS: As we observe Juneteenth, we remind ourselves of the proposition rooted in the Declaration of Independence: that we are all created equal in the image of God and each of us deserves to be treated equally throughout our lives. That is the promise of America that every generation is charged to keep alive; and

WHEREAS: I call upon the people of Fairfield to acknowledge and condemn the history of slavery in our country and recommit to working together to eradicate any inequity and injustice in our society wherever they find it.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRENDA L. KUPCHICK, First Selectwoman of the Town of Fairfield, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2023 as

JUNETEENTH DAY

in the Town of Fairfield, CT and call upon residents to recognize the importance of this day and appreciate, respect and celebrate one another.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Fairfield to be affixed this 19th day of June, 2023.

Brenda L. Kupchick
First Selectwoman