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ALBERT D. LAQUE, PARISH PRESIDENT

RESOLUTION NO. 5026

A resolution designating the third Saturday in June as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day" in St. Charles Parish.

- WHEREAS, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation granting freedom to millions of slaves; and,
- WHEREAS, two and one-half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued there was little effect on southern states due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new executive order; and,
- WHEREAS, it was on June 19, 1865, that Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger landed in Galveston, Texas with news that the Civil War had ended; and,
- WHEREAS, with the surrender of General Robert E. Lee in April of 1865, and the arrival of General Granger's troops, the soldiers were finally strong enough to overcome the resistance; and,
- WHEREAS, even with nowhere to go, many slaves felt that leaving the plantations would be their first step towards freedom; and,
- WHEREAS, north was a logical destination for some while others had the strong desire to reach family members in the neighboring states of Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma; and,
- WHEREAS, the celebration of June 19, 1865, was coined "Juneteenth" and grew with more participation from descendants of slaves; and,
- WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery; and,
- WHEREAS, today, Juneteenth celebration has been held for African Americans to celebrate the emancipation, to honor the memory of those who endured and moved from slavery to freedom, and to inspire and encourage faith and strength of character in all Americans; and,
- WHEREAS, by celebrating events in history that have shaped these United States, we encourage education, achievement and respect for all cultures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, do hereby designate the third Saturday in June as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day" in St. Charles Parish.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: RAMCHANDRAN, FAUCHEUX, HILAIRE, ABADIE, AUTHEMENT, BLACK, MARINO, MINNICH
 NAYS: NONE
 ABSENT: FABRE

And the resolution was declared adopted this 17th day of June, 2002, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: *Clayton Fauchaux*

SECRETARY: *Brian A. Fabre*

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: *June 18, 2002*

APPROVED _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

PARISH PRESIDENT: *Albert D. Laque*

RETD/SECRETARY: *Brian A. Fabre June 18, 2002*

AT: *3:20 pm* RECD BY: *BGF*