

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

Proclamation

JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY 2022

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, declaring the slaves in Confederate territory free and paving the way for the passing of the 13th Amendment which formally abolished slavery in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, news of the end of slavery did not reach frontier areas of the U.S., in particular Galveston, Texas, until June 19, 1865, months after the end of the Civil War and more than 2 ½ years after the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, June 19th - known as Juneteenth Freedom Day – has been celebrated for more than 150 years to mark the abolition of slavery, with the commemoration growing out of the experiences of Black Americans and their enslaved ancestors whose faith and strength remain an example for all people; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth provides an opportunity to recognize Black American heritage and to honor the lives, sacrifices and contributions that are woven into the American fabric; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of Juneteenth emphasizes the significance of this celebration, not only to Black Americans, but to all Americans, and reminds us of the role each of us plays in providing a country where every person has opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Lower Providence Township proclaims June 19, 2022 as Juneteenth Freedom Day and urges all residents to commemorate this day, educate themselves about its significance, and take the opportunity to connect as a community.

PROCLAIMED this 16th day of June 2022

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



Gary Neights, Chair