



Proclamation

No. 7, Series 2021

Whereas, in January 2018, Public Law 115-102, through its sunset in June 2022, the 400 Years of African American History Commission (400 YAAHC) will fulfill its charge to educate the public about, recognize and highlight the resilience and contributions of African Americans; and

Whereas, we set aside August 25 each year to mark over 400 years since the first documented arrival of Africans in the American colonies at Point Comfort (Ft. Monroe), Virginia; and

Whereas, 246 years beyond the arrival at Point Comfort, on June 19, 1865 – nearly nine decades after our Nation's founding and more than two years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation – enslaved Americans in Galveston, Texas, finally received word that they were free from bondage; and

Whereas, the enactment of the Juneteenth National Independence Day as the 12th federal holiday will, for all, annually acknowledge the significance of June 19, while we – the nation – continues to strive for equal justice and a plan forward which assures all promises set forth in our Constitution are met; and

Whereas, Saniya Gay, our 400 YAAHC National Student Ambassador (the reigning Inaugural National Miss Juneteenth), represents our commitment to new generations, to write new history and to respect who we are as a whole, where we have come from and where we are headed; and

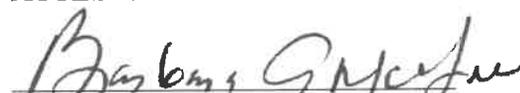
Whereas, we move towards the 250th Anniversary of this country, we must unite in our drive to achieve a more perfect union; we must grow; and we must accept our responsibility to confront and eliminate any entrenchments which threaten the administration of justice and America's true greatness; and

Whereas, from Juneteenth, June 19 through August 25, 2021, we invite Mayors and Municipalities across the country to join with us, the 400 YAAHC, in appreciation of freedom as a commitment to recognize the power of our diverse stories while never losing sight of our common bonds as Americans; and

Now, therefore, I, Deborah Robertson, Mayor of the City of Rialto, along with the City Council, do hereby join municipal leaders across the country and the 400 YAAHC in spirit and solidarity and by proclamation, I thereby encourage all citizens to honor June 19 through August 25, 2021, as a period of reflection, cultural and public education, earnest assessment, planning and commitment to stand against dehumanization in any form which threatens equality and freedom for all.


Deborah Robertson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Barbara A. McGee, City Clerk

Dated: August 10, 2021