



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 16, 2023 AT 7:30 PM

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ITEM TITLE: PROCLAMATION – Emancipation Day In Florida – (Administration)

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS	YES	Department: LEGISLATIVE (CLERK OFFICE)
PUBLIC HEARING 1ST / 2ND READING		Exhibits: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Proclamation – Emancipation Day In Florida
CONSENT AGENDA		
COUNCIL DECISION		
ADMINISTRATIVE		

REQUEST: Request the reading of a proclamation declaring Emancipation Day In Florida in the Town of Eatonville, Florida

SUMMARY: On January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation declaring "that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious states "are, and henceforward shall be forever free." The Emancipation Proclamation is a symbol of human freedom that led to the expansion of freedom in America, shifting the motive of the Civil War and leading to an end sixteen months later. At the end of the Civil War, on May 10, 1865, Union Brigadier General Edward M. McCook arrived in Tallahassee, Florida to receive the surrender of Florida's Confederate troops on May 10th. Thereafter, on May 20, 1865, General McCook declared the Emancipation Proclamation in effect in Florida effectively ending slavery in the state, and for this reason, Emancipation Day is traditionally celebrated on May 20 in the State of Florida.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommending the reading of a proclamation declaring Emancipation Day In Florida in the Town of Eatonville, Florida.

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: N/A