



# HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

### JUNE 17, 2025, AT 7:30 PM

### Cover Sheet

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**ITEM TITLE:** Reading of Proclamation – 2025 Celebrating Juneteenth  
(Administration)

**TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:**

<b>PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS</b>	YES	<b>Department:</b> ADMINISTRATION
<b>PUBLIC HEARING 1<sup>ST</sup> / 2<sup>ND</sup> READING</b>		<b>Exhibits:</b>  - Draft Proclamation
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>		
<b>COUNCIL DECISION</b>		
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		

**REQUEST:** Reading of Proclamation in observance and celebration of Juneteenth Day.

**SUMMARY:** President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring the slaves in Confederate territory free, paving the way for the passing of the 13th Amendment which formally abolished slavery in the United States of America. Word about the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was delayed some two-and one-half years, to June 19, 1865, in reaching authorities and African Americans in the South and Southwestern United States.

Emancipation Day observations are held on different days in different states in the South and Southwest, and in other parts of the nation; June 19th has a special meaning to African Americans and is called "JUNETEENTH" combining the words June and Nineteenth and has been celebrated by the African American community for over 150 years.

Events in celebration and observance of Juneteenth will be held in the historic Town of Eatonville June 19-June 21, 2025. Freedom Day is an observance holiday in the Town of Eatonville. The community of Eatonville is urged to observe and to become more aware of the significance of this celebration in African American History and in the heritage of our nation and City.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend the reading of a proclamation in observance and celebration of Juneteenth Day.

**FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA:** N/A