



# HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

## TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP

**MAY 6, 2025, 6:30 PM**

### Cover Sheet

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**ITEM TITLE:** Discussion and Updates of the 1887 Juneteenth Celebrations  
(Councilwoman Randolph)

**TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:**

<b>PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS</b>	YES	<b>Department:</b> LEGISLATION (Councilwoman Randolph)  <b>Exhibits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>N/A</li></ul>
<b>INTRODUCTIONS</b>		
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>		
<b>COUNCIL DISCUSSION</b>	YES	
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		

**REQUEST:** For Town Council to hear a presentation on the updates on the celebration of the Juneteenth Freedom Day Thursday through Saturday, June 19-21, 2025, within the Historic Town of Eatonville, the oldest Black Incorporated municipality in the United States.

**SUMMARY:** Since 2022, the Historic Town of Eatonville wishes to celebrate and observe Juneteenth which is the oldest known celebration marking the end of slavery in the United States also known as "Freedom Day." On January 1, 1863, The Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Abraham Lincoln granted freedom to all slaves, however, not until June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Texas to inform slaves that slavery had been abolished.

It is an important occasion for The Town of Eatonville to come together to celebrate freedom and to show the town's unique culture & establishments with the 1887 Juneteenth celebrations. This experience will be a family-friendly event with the support of the local community.

The MOU for the celebration of Juneteenth Freedom Day Thursday through Saturday, June 19-21, 2025, was approved by town council on March 18, 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended to the Town Council to hear updates the 1887 Juneteenth Celebrations to be held Thursday through Saturday, June 19-21, 2025, within the Historic Town of Eatonville.

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

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