



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP

MAY 7, 2024, 6:30 PM

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ITEM TITLE: Discussion Juneteenth Freedom Celebration Day (Clerk's Office)

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:

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

REQUEST: For Town Council to discuss and consider celebrating Juneteenth Freedom Day on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, 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.

The Freedom Day Committee consists of Councilwoman Wanda D. Randolph, Clarese Hopkins, Jane Hursh, and Ladwyana "Deenie" Ware. The committee is proposing a short ceremony (15-20 minutes) outside on Town Hall Property to include the reading of a Proclamation by Mayor Angie Gardner.

Suggested Theme: "Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Present, and Envisioning the Future"

The Freedom Day Celebration Day will begin at 6:30 p.m. and food will not be necessary. Bottled drinks will be provided.

PROPOSED PLAN

- Opening
- Welcome
- Prayer - Local Minister -
- Reading of the Proclamation/Signed by Mayor
- A Brief Message or any council member one minute
- Acknowledgements
- Celebration Ends

RECOMMENDATION: The Juneteenth Freedom Celebration Committee would to recommend to the Historic Town of Eatonville Town Council a Juneteenth Celebration to be held to include a Proclamation in observance of Juneteenth signed and read by Mayor Gardner located at the Town Hall on Juneteenth Day Wednesday, June 19, 2024.

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: Light Refreshments (through In-kind services and donation) for nonbudgeted expense estimated at \$100.00.