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AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

FROM: DEB WOODS, DEPUTY CITY CLERK FOR COUNCILOR KREIE

DATE: MAY 24, 2022

**RE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST – PROCLAIMING JUNE 18, 2022 AS
“JUNETEENTH DAY” IN THE CITY OF FRUITA**

BACKGROUND

“Juneteenth” is an annual observance to commemorate when Union soldiers enforced the Emancipation Proclamation and freed all remaining African American slaves in Texas on June 19, 1865. This day is an opportunity for people to celebrate freedom and equal rights in the United States. This year, “Juneteenth Day” falls on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

On June 15, 2021, the Fruita City Council issued a “Juneteenth Day” Proclamation in the City of Fruita, which was accepted by David Combs of Black Citizens and Friends. This was the first and only time to date that this Proclamation had been issued by the City of Fruita.

On May 17, 2022, Councilor Kreie asked staff if the City was again doing another “Juneteenth Day” Proclamation this year. Staff has not received a Proclamation request through the City’s website but is aware that the Council will be having a separate discussion concerning which, if any, Proclamations they would like automatically issued every year without requiring a Proclamation request from anyone.

If the Mayor and Council desire to issue a “Juneteenth Day” Proclamation, it will be placed on the Regular Meeting agenda of June 7, 2022. Staff will do their best to contact David Combs with Black Citizens and Friends to see if he is available to again accept the Proclamation that evening.