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**Title of Holiday, Month, Day, etc.**

JUNETEENTH

**What group(s) does it recognize?**

African Americans

**Date or Month When Recognized**

June 19

**Please provide historical details about the holiday/month/day. Provide sources and research resources if applicable.**

Juneteenth is the celebration and observation date that officially ended slavery in the United States. President Biden declared Juneteenth an official holiday on June 16, 2021.

**What is the local significance? (specific to Hendersonville, NC)**

Hendersonville profitted and engaged in the sell of slaves with property owners paying tax on "personal property" the significance to this area along with unmarked graves of slave cemeteries, history of how Black people originally came here goes back to slavery. Fortunately, our city mayor granted a Juneteenth Proclamation last year as we celebrate the end of slavery in our city. My business, Black History Collective of Henderson County, NC celebrates Juneteenth, Kwanzaa, Black History Month with public events, art exhibits and month long celebrations.

Kwanzaa- African American community based holiday. Extremely important for this city. December 26 to Jan 1 annually.

Black History Month- Every February. Celebrate local accomplishments and history of this city and county is imperative. Please visit Black History Collective of Henderson County, NC Facebook page to view more photos and information regarding the event(s) I suggested. Please NOTE all of my events have always been FREE.

**Photos relating to the holiday/month/day that demonstrate a local connection are welcome additions to accompany your suggestion.**

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Does the City of Hendersonville have permission to use the photos to raise awareness on social media, website, etc?

Yes

What is the caption information to accompany the photo(s)?

Culture & Diversity in Hendersonville, NC

Who should photo credit go to?

Permission given by Crystal Cauley

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**Title of Holiday, Month, Day, etc.**

None

**What group(s) does it recognize?**

None

**Date or Month When Recognized**

None

**Please provide historical details about the holiday/month/day. Provide sources and research resources if applicable.**

This is Hendersonville not Asheville, don't go down this rabbit hole. Keep it where it belongs, the West Coast of America with all their problems. Bad enough Hendersonville has a drug and human trafficking problem to we need to invite violence in as well? Pay attention to the lessons of the last 2 years, look at how Asheville is now ranked as a violent city and high crime rate. Why do you want that here?

**What is the local significance? (specific to Hendersonville, NC)**

Hendersonville is not Liberal Asheville, it is a retirement and camp community, lets keep it safe.

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**Title of Holiday, Month, Day, etc.**

Black history month February

**What group(s) does it recognize?**

Groups and people who have given to the African American community as a entire.

**Date or Month When Recognized**

February

**Please provide historical details about the holiday/month/day. Provide sources and research resources if applicable.**

Shortest month

**What is the local significance? (specific to Hendersonville, NC)**

Large African American community

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**Title of Holiday, Month, Day, etc.**

Black History Month (especially focused on local black history of Hvl, Flat Rock, Avl) Juneteenth, Kwanzaa and Women's Herstory/ history Month, Indigenous Month

**What group(s) does it recognize?**

Black History is local history and should be available for our youth to learn and therefore know the origins of our local people's roles in the establishing of our town (and also Country.) If there is more focus and support on educating our youth on local culture and history, they become more well-rounded human beings who can feel represented and/or relate to more than just themselves and therefore go forth into the world becoming collective, educated team players.

Representation matters. I propose that this committee taps into our ability to network within our local families with deep roots here and ask them to help in sharing their experiences growing up for generations in Henderson County if they would like. There is an abundance of resources that can be utilized if we figure out how to do this collectively. It is necessary for our youth to know all parts of American history and the roles that everyone played. Would be a blessing to be able to have local history presented continuously in our kid's classrooms. My daughters have gained a lot of appreciation and understanding by the segments of black history that were taught by our local residents, Mr Ronnie Peppers being one of my youngest child's favorite narrators and a wealth of information. I hope that Black history becomes more integrated within our local history as I see it very important. As a 1st generation born American and moving to WNC early 1980's, we were not taught about much local history except colonialism. Now we have to continue to do better and better.

Equity is of outmost importance and how can we expect to achieve this if we do not acknowledge the need for representation, education and understanding of our local cultures? Our long time original American people. It would be like moving our children to an island yet not wanting to eat the food there or learn the language or assimilate into the culture... Representation matters so that our youth, which is the future of our country, can lead. Thank You All

If you all did not receive enough response for this committees survey, would you please offer input again from our community? Thanks again

**Date or Month When Recognized**

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**Please provide historical details about the holiday/month/day. Provide sources and research resources if applicable.**

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**What is the local significance? (specific to Hendersonville, NC)**

Immense. Black people built America and our local community from the ground up.

**Photos relating to the holiday/month/day that demonstrate a local connection are welcome additions to accompany your suggestion.**

### Photo Resources

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