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**2024 Proclamation
DECLARING JUNE 15TH, 2024
JUNETEENTH AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, Americans of all colors, creeds, cultures, religions, and countries-of-origin, share in a common love of and respect for "freedom", as well as a determination to protect their right to freedom through democratic institutions, by which the "tenets-of-freedom" are guaranteed and protected; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln first issued the Emancipation Proclamation effective January 1, 1863, freeing those enslaved in the South. However, southern slave owners ignored that order. On June 19th, 1865, Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, and enforced the president's order, freeing the enslaved African Americans - two and a half years after it was first decreed. This day has since come to be known as Juneteenth; and

WHEREAS, for over 150 years, Juneteenth National Freedom Day continues to be the most recognized African-American holiday observance in the United States; and

WHEREAS, many African Americans continue the tradition of celebrating Juneteenth Day as inspiration and encouragement for future generations. Juneteenth Day celebrations have been held to honor African-American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Kelly Garrett, together with Mayor Pro-Tem Bruce Kantor, Councilmember Jalen Jennings, Councilmember Jason Hammond, and Councilmember Dalton Barksdale of the City of Lathrup Village hereby proclaim the 15th of June 2024, to be Juneteenth Awareness Day in the City of Lathrup Village.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage all to recognize the historical significance of Juneteenth Day, support the continued celebration of Juneteenth Day to provide an opportunity for all people to learn more about the past, to better understand the experiences that have shaped the nation and encourage the people of the City of Lathrup Village to observe Juneteenth Day with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs;.

On this 3rd, day of June 2024.

Kelly Garrett – Mayor

Kelly Garrett
Mayor

Bruce Kantor
Mayor Pro-Tem

Jalen Jennings
Council Member

Dalton Barksdale
Council Member

Jason Hammond
Council Member