

CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING JUNE 19th, 2023 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 150 years, Juneteenth National Freedom Day continues to be the most recognized African-American holiday observance in the United States; and

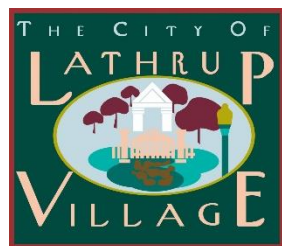
WHEREAS, many African Americans continue the tradition of celebrating Juneteenth Day as inspiration and encouragement for future generations. Juneteenth Day celebrations have been held to honor African-American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 3rd Juneteenth event, entitled "Unity in the Community" a celebration of cultural diversity that being held in Lathrup Village, an event that will feature art, entertainment, music, food trucks, unity walk, and much more; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Mykale "Kelly" Garrett, together with Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Kantor, Council Member Jalen Jennings, Council Member Barbara Kenez, and Council Member Karen Miller of the City of Lathrup Village hereby declare the 19th of June, 2023, to be Juneteenth Awareness Day in the City of Lathrup Village.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our appreciation to the Juneteenth Task Force and the DDA Promotions Committee. 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 and participate in the ceremonies, activities and programs.

Attested to this _____ Day of May 2023.



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Mykale Garrett, Mayor
Bruce Kantor, Mayor Pro Tem
Jalen Jennings, Council Member
Barbara Kenez, Council Member
Karen Miller, Council Member