

**Town of Upper Marlboro  
Board of Town Commissioners**

# **Proclamation**

**In Recognition of Juneteenth, June 2022**



Whereas, the first enslaved Africans were brought as captives to what is now the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1619; and

Whereas, President Abraham Lincoln first issued the Emancipation Proclamation effective January 1, 1863, freeing the enslaved people in the South. On June 19, 1865, Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas and enforced the president's order, freeing the enslaved two and a half years after it was first decreed. This day has since come to be known as Juneteenth; and

Whereas, The Town of Upper Marlboro recognizes the history of racism in our country and how it has led to many current day disparities in education and job attainment, housing; and healthcare, as well as well as disproportionate incarceration rates for black people.

Therefore, Be It Proclaimed that The Town of Upper Marlboro do, hereby proclaim, June 19, 2022 as Juneteenth to acknowledge the historical significance of the day and recommit the Town to working toward the dismantling of racism.

Signed this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2022.



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**Sarah Franklin, President / Mayor**

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**Charles Colbert, Commissioner**

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**Janice Duckett, Commissioner**

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**Thomas Hanchett, Commissioner**

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**Karen Lott, Commissioner**