### RESOLUTION NO. 2021-41

### INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

# A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING "JUNETEENTH NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY", JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>, AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation declaring "all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people thereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free;" and

WHEREAS, President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, signed on September 22, 1862, became effective January 1, 1863, thereby repenting this nation's original sin of human bondage throughout much of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Union General Gordon Granger was dispatched to Galveston, Texas to announce the surrender of Confederate General Robert E. Lee and on June 19, 1865 declared the freedom of persons still held in human bondage in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Liberation Day, and Emancipation Day, is recognized by the President of the United States as a National Holiday; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the Village of Oakwood supports the recognized holiday and this Council supports this action of the Mayor;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1 in observance of Juneteenth, the Mayor of the Village of Oakwood hereby declares June 19, 2021, "Juneteenth", a holiday for Village employees to be observed on Friday, June 18, 2021 and thereafter on the date recognized by the Federal government for observance of Juneteenth providing residents and employees of the Village of Oakwood an opportunity to reflect on the impact of slavery and remember those who were enslaved here and their profound contributions to our community.

**SECTION 2.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approved by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED Jul 22. 2021

Johnnie A. Warren, President of Counci

Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

Presented to the

Mayor

Approved:

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Mayor, Gary

Mayor, Gounts of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 2021-41 was duly posted on the 23 day of Mayor, Clark of Council Mayor, Clark



#### RESOLUTION

## Designating Juneteenth an Official Holiday in the Town of Hillsborough

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation declaring "all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free;" and

WHEREAS, President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, signed on September 22, 1862, became effective on January 1, 1863, thereby freeing slaves of this nation's original sin of human bondage throughout much of the United States of America, including North Carolina and the Town of Hillsborough; and

WHEREAS, Union General Gordon Granger was dispatched to Galveston, Texas to announce the surrender of Confederate General Robert E. Lee and on June 19, 1865 declared the freedom of slaves still held in human bondage in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Liberation Day, and Emancipation Day, is recognized in 47 states, with mostly ceremonial observances and only the State of Texas recognizing Juneteenth as an official state holiday; and

WHEREAS, Governor Beverly Eaves Perdue was the first governor to proclaim the observance of Juneteenth in the State of North Carolina in June 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States of America does not recognize Juneteenth as a federal holiday; and

WHEREAS, members of Congress, including Senator Kamala Harris of California and Senator Cory Booker of New Jersey, have recently introduced legislation to recognize Juneteenth as a federal holiday; and

WHEREAS, annual observance of Juneteenth would provide residents and employees of the Town of Hillsborough an opportunity to reflect on the impact of slavery and remember those who were enslaved here and their profound contributions to our community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners designates Juneteenth as an official town holiday; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners urges our state and federal legislators to sponsor legislation making Juneteenth an official state and federal holiday; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners directs the town clerk to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Orange County Board of Commissioners, Orange County Board of Education, Chapel Hill Town Council, and the Carrboro Town Council.

Approved this 29th day of June 2020

Town Hillsborough Hillsborough CAROLINATION

Jenn Weaver, Mayor Town of Hillsborough