

Town of Upper Marlboro
Board of Town Commissioners

Proclamation

In Recognition of Juneteenth

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, setting in motion the end of the institution of slavery on January 1, 1863; *and*

WHEREAS, the institution of slavery was abolished in Maryland on November 1, 1864; *and*

WHEREAS, It was not until June 19, 1865 informed all still be enslaved in Texas were informed all enslaved people were free; *and*

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest known public celebration of the end of the institution of slavery in the United States; *and*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Upper Marlboro recognizes June 19, 2023 as Juneteenth, a celebration of freedom and the achievements of Black Americans; *and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Town of Upper Marlboro Board of Town Commissioners urges all residents to become aware of the significance of Juneteenth in American History and the heritage of our nation and state; *and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Upper Marlboro Board of Town Commissioners celebrates the achievements of Black residents and businesses in Upper Marlboro and encourages all residents to do the same; *and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Town Commissioners hereby encourages citizen participation in events and programs pertaining to Juneteenth on June 19, 2023.

Signed this 14th Day of June, 2023.





Sarah Franklin
President / Mayor

Town of Upper Marlboro

