

RESOLUTION NO. 22-120

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON,  
CALIFORNIA, DECLARING JUNETEENTH AS AN ANNUAL CITY OF  
CARSON RECOGNIZED HOLIDAY BEGINNING IN 2022 (CITY  
COUNCIL)

**WHEREAS**, in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation declaring all slaves free. However, this freedom was not made known to many enslaved African Americans until two years after its passage. Juneteenth recognizes that on June 19, 1865, the last enslaved people in Galveston, Texas were informed that slavery had been abolished; and

**WHEREAS**, when the former slaves heard of this news, they began to celebrate with prayer, feasting, song, and dance. The following year, on June 19, the first official Juneteenth celebrations took place in Texas. Within a few years, African Americans in other states were celebrating the day, making it an annual tradition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Carson City Council believes that Juneteenth should be recognized as an official holiday in the City of Carson and the State of California, as it was recognized as an official holiday in the state of Texas in 1980, and by the federal government in 2021 (establishing the holiday as taking place on the date of June 19<sup>th</sup> of each year); and

**WHEREAS**, Carson Municipal Code Section 2402 allows the City Council to establish City holidays by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the City Council of Carson, California desire to recognize the importance and value of June 19, 1865 events by establishing Juneteenth as an officially recognized holiday in the City of Carson.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The above recitals are true and correct.

**Section 2.** Juneteenth, June 19<sup>th</sup>, is declared and recognized as an official City of Carson annual holiday beginning in the calendar year of 2022. For the 2022 calendar year, because June 19<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday, the City will observe the holiday on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Section 3.** City employees shall receive a paid holiday annually for Juneteenth, consistent with their salary/ benefits resolution or bargaining unit's applicable Memorandum of Understanding, following the completion of any necessary meet and confer process between the City and the respective employee organizations in accordance with the Meyers-Milias Brown Act ("MMBA").

**Section 4.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**Section 5.** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

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**LULA DAVIS-HOLMES, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**Dr. KHALEAH K. BRADSHAW, CITY CLERK**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**SUNNY K. SOLTANI, CITY ATTORNEY**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA       )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES   ) ss.  
CITY OF CARSON             )

I, Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk of the City of Carson, California, do hereby certify that the whole number of members is five; that the foregoing resolution, being Resolution No. 22-120 was duly and regularly adopted by said City at a regular meeting duly and regularly held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022, and that the same was passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:           COUNCIL MEMBERS:

NOES:           COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN:       COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT:        COUNCIL MEMBERS:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk