

PROCLAMATION

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

IN HONOR OF JUNETEENTH

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

WHEREAS, the Civil War ended with the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865; and

WHEREAS, this news reached Texas when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston Bay with Union troops. It was on June 19, 1865, that he announced: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free."

WHEREAS, celebration of the end of slavery, which became known as Juneteenth, is the oldest known public celebration of the end of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and celebrates the successes gained through education and greater opportunity; and

WHEREAS, on a larger scale, celebration of Juneteenth reminds each of us of the precious promises of freedom, equality, and opportunity which are at the core of the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth 2023 will be celebrated in Red Bank on June 18, 2023 at Johnny Jazz Park commencing at 1PM.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William Portman, Mayor of the Borough of Red Bank, on behalf of the Borough Council do hereby proclaim June 18 as a day to celebrate Juneteenth 2023 and urge all citizens to join in this celebration.





William Portman, Mayor