

# 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.



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William Portman, Mayor