

RESOLUTION NO. 993

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNETEENTH (JUNE 19th) AS A HOLIDAY FOR THE CITY OF OSAWATOMIE, KANSAS.

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day and Jubilee Day, commemorates the day in 1865 when news of the Emancipation Proclamation reached Galveston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, according to reports from 1865, Union troops marched through Galveston on June 19 announcing that in accordance with the Emancipation, all slaves were free, causing celebrations to break out in Galveston; and

WHEREAS, June 19 has become a day to recognize and commemorate the end of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in June 2021, the United States Congress approved a bipartisan bill to approve Juneteenth as a federal holiday, with a unanimous vote in the U.S. Senate and nearly unanimous vote in the U.S. House of Representatives, and the bill was signed into law by President Biden on June 17, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF OSAWATOMIE, KANSAS:

SECTION ONE: The Governing Body of the City of Osawatomie recognizes June 19th or Juneteenth as an official holiday within the City of Osawatomie and celebrate the end of slavery in the United States.

SECTION TWO: June 19th shall be a paid holiday for all City of Osawatomie employees. When June 19th falls on Saturday, the holiday shall be observed on the preceding Friday. When June 19th falls on a Sunday, the holiday shall be observed on the following Monday. This is consistent with the City of Osawatomie's Personnel Policies.

SECTION THREE: The City Manager is directed to include the actions of Resolution 993 in the update to the City's Personnel Policies that will be reviewed by the City Council in the fourth (4th) quarter of 2022.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Osawatomie, Kansas, this 14th day of April, 2022, a majority voting in favor of.

APPROVED and signed by the mayor.

Nick Hampson, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Tammy Seamands, City Clerk