

1 **STATE OF GEORGIA**  
2 **COUNTY OF FULTON**  
3 **CITY OF SOUTH FULTON**  
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7 **A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY’S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE TO RECOGNIZE**  
8 **JUNE NINETEENTH (JUNETEENTH) AS AN OFFICIAL CITY HOLIDAY AND FOR**  
9 **OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES**

10 **(Sponsored by Councilperson khalid)**  
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12 **WHEREAS**, the City of South Fulton (“City”) is a municipal corporation duly  
13 organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia;  
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15 **WHEREAS**, the duly elected governing authority of the City is the Mayor and  
16 Council thereof (“City Council”);  
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18 **WHEREAS**, the City wishes to celebrate the heritage of its African American  
19 residents, a majority of which are descendants of African slaves;  
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21 **WHEREAS**, 2019 marks the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the “White Lion”  
22 Trading Ship which brought the first kidnapped Africans to America who would toil until  
23 their death as slaves, along with 12 generations of their children, whom for 246 years  
24 would also toil from birth to death as slaves;  
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26 **WHEREAS**, Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the  
27 ending of the sinful practice of legally-sanctioned slavery in the United States, dating  
28 back to June 19, 1865 where Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas to inform and  
29 liberate Africans still being held as slaves 2 years after the Civil War had ended;  
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31 **WHEREAS**, the State of Georgia currently recognizes two holidays — the  
32 birthday of Confederate Army Commander Robert E. Lee on January 19 (also known as  
33 Confederate Heroes Day) and Confederate Memorial Day on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in April —  
34 which commemorate the Confederate States or America, an illegal act of succession  
35 the State of Georgia actively participated in, including supporting a four-year long Civil  
36 War killing over 620,000 Americans to preserve the practice of legally enslaving African  
37 Americans;  
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39 **WHEREAS**, the State of Georgia has made no formal apology or reparations to  
40 African slaves or their descendants for these actions, and created no Holiday to  
41 commemorate the emancipation of its African American citizens from slavery;  
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43 **WHEREAS**, the City desires to safeguard and promote the public health, safety,  
44 and general welfare of all citizens through the adoption of this Resolution.  
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46           **THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA, HEREBY**  
47 **RESOLVES** as follows:

48       1. **Observation of Holiday.** June 19<sup>th</sup> is hereby declared "Juneteenth," an official  
49 City Holiday:

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51           a. The City, annually, shall commit one twentieth of one percent of its Annual  
52 Budget for commemoration of the Holiday. The coordination of this annual  
53 commemoration shall be organized by the City's Parks Department and/or  
54 its Bureau of Cultural Affairs.

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56           b. The City shall observe June 19 as an official paid holiday on the days in  
57 which it falls on a regular workday between Monday and Friday. No City  
58 business shall be conducted on that day, except to facilitate the  
59 celebration or commemoration of the day. City employees who are  
60 mission critical on June 19 will be offered flex time for the hours they work  
61 on that day.

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63       2. **Local, State and Federal Encouragement.** The City Council hereby  
64 encourages:

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66           a. Residents Business owners in the City and Georgia municipal, county and  
67 school board leaders to enact Juneteenth policies and resolutions for their  
68 employees and students; and

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70           b. State and Federal Leaders to adopt resolutions making Juneteenth an  
71 official holiday.

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75       **Section 2.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that:

76           (a) All sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Resolution  
77 are, or were, upon their enactment, believed by the City Council to be fully valid,  
78 enforceable and constitutional.

79           (b) To the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph,  
80 sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is severable from every other section,  
81 paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution. No section, paragraph,  
82 sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is mutually dependent upon any other  
83 section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution.

84           (c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this  
85 Resolution shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or  
86 otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent  
87 jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the City Council that such invalidity,  
88 unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not

render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of the Resolution.

**Section 3.** All Resolutions and parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

**Section 4.** The effective date of this Resolution shall be the date of adoption unless provided otherwise by the City Charter or state and/or federal law.

**Section 5. Instruction to City Clerk:** The City Clerk is hereby directed to circulate a copy of this Resolution to all City employees, staff and officials.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019.

**CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA**

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WILLIAM "BILL" EDWARDS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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S. DIANE WHITE, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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EMILIA C. WALKER, CITY ATTORNEY

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124 The foregoing RESOLUTION No. 2019-\_\_\_\_\_, adopted on \_\_\_\_\_  
125 was offered by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its approval. The motion  
126 was seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, and being put to a vote, the  
127 result was as follows:

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131 William “Bill” Edwards, Mayor	_____	_____	_____
132 Mark Baker, Mayor Pro Tem	_____	_____	_____
133 Catherine Foster Rowell	_____	_____	_____
134 Carmalitha Lizandra Gumbs	_____	_____	_____
135 Helen Zenobia Willis	_____	_____	_____
136 Gertrude Naeema Gilyard	_____	_____	_____
137 Rosie Jackson	_____	_____	_____
138 khalid kamau	_____	_____	_____

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