

GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF SOUTH FULTON

Office of the City Manager

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Diane White, City Clerk

FROM: Frank S. Milazi, CFO *FM*

DATE: June 15, 2020

SUBJECT: Recognize June nineteenth (Juneteenth) as an official City holiday.

CONCLUSION

The resolution seeks to amend the city's holiday schedule to recognize June nineteenth (Juneteenth) as an official city holiday and for other lawful purposes. Funds are needed for the implementation of the proposed resolution.

BACKGROUND

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of the sinful practice of legally-sanctioned slavery in the United States, dating back to June 19, 1865 where Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas to inform and liberate Africans still being held as slaves two years after the Civil War had ended. In efforts to recognize Juneteenth, the City of South Fulton will annually commit \$250,000 in the annual budget for commemoration of the holiday. The coordination of the annual commemoration will be organized by the City's Parks Department and/or Bureau of Cultural Affairs. The City will observe Juneteenth as an official paid holiday on the days in which it falls on a regular workday between Monday and Friday. There will be no city business conducted on June 19, except to facilitate the celebration or commemoration of the day. For city employees who services are critical to the mission of the commemoration shall be offered flex time for the hours in which they work on this day.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There will be a financial impact in the amount of \$250,000 annually affecting the FY budget and/or fiscal year appropriations/allocations.