

# CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

## PROCLAMATION

### OBSERVING JUNETEENTH IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

This proclamation recognizes Juneteenth in the City of Hyattsville as a day to honor, educate, and reflect on the meaning of freedom in the U.S. for all people; but particularly for African - Americans, who as a former enslaved group are still impacted by the legacy of a brutal and destructive U.S slave economy. This day is an opportunity to highlight their contributions and those of all abolitionists, to the ongoing global fight for human rights.

**WHEREAS,** The Emancipation Proclamation was ordered on January 1, 1863, declaring freedom for enslaved African Americans across the U.S; and

**WHEREAS,** because this order was initially largely ignored by slaveholders, more than two years later, on June 19, 1865, soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas to inform the last of the enslaved African Americans of their liberty, marking the day as Juneteenth; and

**WHEREAS,** since 1865, Juneteenth freedom celebrations have taken place throughout the United States, and in June 2021 the holiday received recognition as a Federally observed holiday; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Hyattsville acknowledges the history of racism toward African Americans in our country and the significance of sharing, analyzing, and understanding this history to effectively combat systemic racism; and

**WHEREAS,** Juneteenth is now an opportunity and call to action for all Hyattsville residents to self-educate and commit to social actions that address racial inequalities still faced by African - Americans today.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City of Hyattsville Mayor and Council do hereby recognize June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as Juneteenth in the City of Hyattsville.

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**Robert Croslin**  
*Mayor, City of Hyattsville*

June 2, 2025

