

AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 12 - 20

By: Jen Robinson

A Resolution designating June 19th Annually as “Juneteenth” in recognition of June 19, 1865, commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States.

WHEREAS, the City of Bexley places significant importance on encouraging diversity, equity, inclusion, and the increasing realization of Bexley as a welcoming community for residents and visitors from all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bexley is committed to recognizing the enduring struggle of our minority residents to overcome the deep history of systemic and institutional racism in our country; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth observances have been held across the country to recognize the emancipation of slaves while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures; and

WHEREAS, news of the end of slavery did not reach the frontier areas of the United States until months after the conclusion of the Civil War, more than 2 ½ years after Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863; and

WHEREAS, the faith and strength of character demonstrated by former slaves and descendants of slaves remain an example for all people, regardless of background, religion or race; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bexley has made a commitment to healing the wounds of our own City's history and to providing opportunities to engage our residents in education and conversation on issues surrounding bias, racism and privilege; and

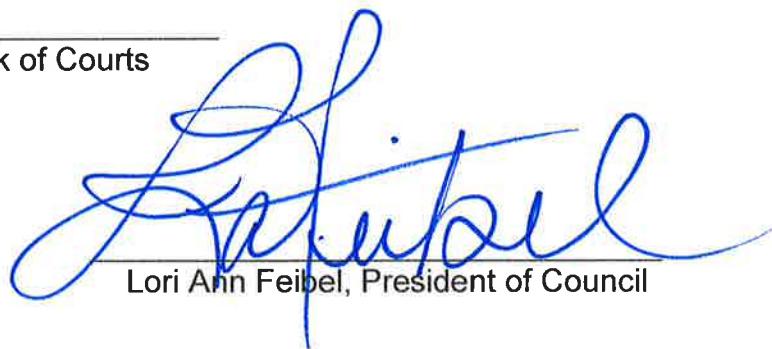
WHEREAS, Bexley strives to be a welcoming and diverse community where all are included, feel safe and connected and are fully valued;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO:

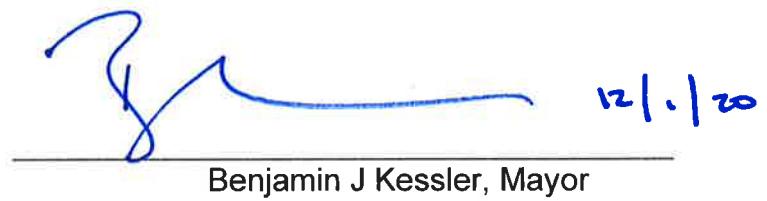
Section 1. That June 19th annually will be a day of recognition, education and affirmation, and will provide an opportunity for our residents and neighbors to better understand the experiences that have shaped our City, State and Country.

Passed: Dec 1, 2020, 2020

Attest: William Harvey
William Harvey, Clerk of Courts



Lori Ann Feibel, President of Council



Benjamin J Kessler, Mayor

First Reading :11-10-20

Second Reading: 11-17-20

Third Reading: 12-1-20

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