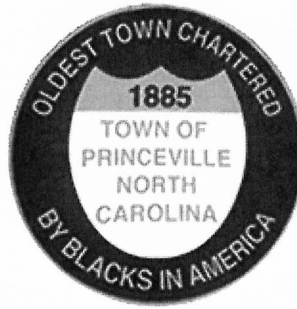


# THE TOWN OF



# PRINCEVILLE

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CHARTERED IN 1885

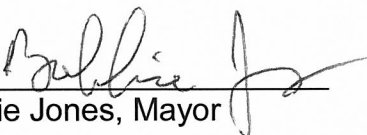
## RESOLUTION FOR JUNETEETH HOLIDAY

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth short for “June Nineteenth” is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free, and

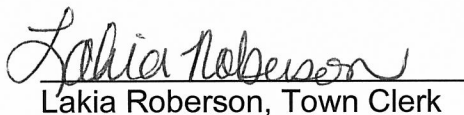
**WHEREAS**, from the 16th to the 19th centuries, an estimated 12 million Africans were shipped as slaves to the Americas, about 645,000 were brought to what is now the United States. Confederate General Robert E. Lee had surrendered at Appomattox Court House two months earlier in Virginia, but slavery had remained relatively unaffected in Texas—until U.S. General Gordon Granger stood on Texas soil and read General Orders No. 3: “The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free.” That December, slavery in America was formally abolished with the adoption of the 13th Amendment, and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth is a landmark in history, a celebration of freedom and the end of slavery in America and is recognized as a state holiday or special day of observance in over 43 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Congress: and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The Town of Princeville, the oldest town in the United States chartered and incorporated by Blacks will recognize Juneteenth as a paid holiday, hereby adopted on this 17 day of August, 2020

  
Bobbie Jones, Mayor

Attest:

  
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