

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION No. 2020-124

A motion was made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilman Ryan that the following resolution be adopted:

OBSERVING JUNETEENTH

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring the slaves in Confederate territory free, paving the way for the passing of the 13th Amendment which formally abolished slavery in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, word about the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was delayed some two and one-half years, to June 19, 1865, in reaching authorities and African-Americans in the South and Southwestern United States; and

WHEREAS, June 19th has a special meaning to African-Americans, and is called "JUNETEENTH!" combining the words June and Nineteenth, and has been celebrated by the African-American community for over 150 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, do hereby acknowledge June 19, 2020, as "JUNETEENTH" in the Township of Verona and urge all citizens to become more aware of the significance of this celebration in our Nation.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 22, 2020.



**JENNIFER KIERNAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

