

STATE OF FLORIDA
CITY OF OAKLAND PARK

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of enslavement in America; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a day of reflection, a day of renewal, a pride-filled day. It is a moment in time taken to appreciate the progress and contributions made by African Americans to this society, and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is inclusive of all races, ethnicities and nationalities – recognized by Americans everywhere as a symbolic milestone in our journey toward a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland Park recognizes this celebration by providing a paid legal holiday for employees Monday, June 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, it is a day where we take one-step closer together – to better utilize the energy wasted on racism. Juneteenth is a day that we pray for peace and liberty for all, a celebration of freedom.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in it by the Charter hereby authorizes Mayor Aisha Gordon to proclaim June 19, 2023 as

JUNETEENTH

In the City of Oakland Park and encourage all citizens young and old to pay tribute to the journey, embrace the past, as well as the future that unity, respect and appreciation brings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, to be affixed this 7th day of June 2023.

BY: _____
AISHA GORDON, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK