

Town Council of Indian Head

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, Emancipation Day observations are held on different days in different states in the South and Southwest, and in other parts of the nation; 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; and

WHEREAS, the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc - Nu Zeta Omega Chapter host the annual Juneteenth celebration in the Town of Indian Head which will take place at Francis and Gladys Simmons Park on a Saturday during the week of June 19th.

WHEREAS, the annual Juneteenth celebration in the Town of Indian Head will take place and urge all citizens to become more aware of the significance of this celebration in African American History and in the heritage of our nation and Town;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Indian Head to be affixed to this PROCLAMATION, this 1st day of July 2019;

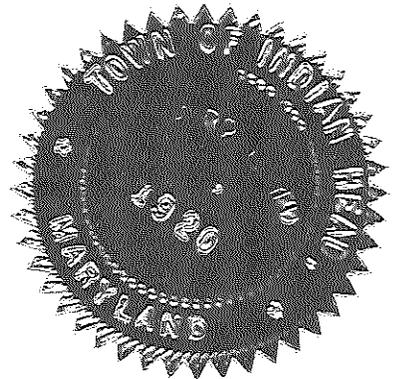
NOW, THEREFORE, Mayor and Council of the Town of Indian Head do hereby declare June 19th as JUNETEENTH in the Town of Indian Head and urge all citizens to become more aware of the significance of this celebration in African-American History and in the heritage of our nation and Town.

Signed this 1st day of July, 2019

Brandon Paulin
Mayor

Ron Sitoula
Vice Mayor

Curtis Smith
Councilman



Attest by:

Andrea Brady
Town Clerk