CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-20-69 **ENACTMENT NO. SPONSORED BY: Pat Davis** 1 RESOLUTION 2 Establishing Policy For The Recognition Of Juneteenth In The City Of 3 **Albuquerque** WHEREAS, on June 19th, 1865 Major General Granger proclaimed to troops 4 5 and those convened in Galveston, Texas, through General Order Number 3, 6 that the Civil War had ended and that pursuant to President Lincoln's 7 Emancipation Proclamation of 1863, that all enslaved persons were free and 8 should enjoy "an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property;" 9 and 10 WHEREAS, one year later, in 1866, the State of Texas celebrated the first [Bracketed/Strikethrough Material] - Deletion 11 Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day and Black Independence Day, Bracketed/Underscored Material] - New 12 and forty states and the District of Columbia have since followed to declare 13 Juneteenth and official day of observance; and 14 WHEREAS, in 2006 the New Mexico State Legislature established 15 Juneteenth Freedom Day in New Mexico to be commemorated on the third 16 Saturday in June of each year and be observed by "reflecting on the history of 17 African-American slavery in the United States... and recognizing the 18 importance of Americans of African descent as American citizens and New 19 Mexico residents:" and 20 WHEREAS, Juneteenth gives each American, including all residents of the 21 City of Albuquerque, the opportunity to reflect on the legacy of slavery and 22 discrimination in our society and gives us an opportunity to recommit to the 23 ideals of absolute equality in personal and property rights embodied in the

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General Order Number 3; and

	2	organizers, and individuals advocating for equity and social justice for African
	3	Americans, including the Black Lives Matter movement.
	4	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
	5	CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE:
	6	Section 1. The City shall recognize Friday June 19, 2020 as "Juneteenth"
	7	and shall notate it as such on any official websites, notices or publications
	8	relating to or referencing this day.
	9	Section 2. All persons in the City of Albuquerque are encouraged to
	10	observe Juneteenth by reflecting on the history of African American slavery in
	11	the United States.
	12	Section 3. All persons in the City of Albuquerque are also encouraged to
	13	observe this day by volunteering with, giving recognition to, or otherwise
	14	supporting organizations in Albuquerque working to advance equity and
	15	social justice for African-American residents of Albuquerque, including those
	16	supporting Black Lives Matter movements.
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WHEREAS, the City honors, respects, and supports organizations,