
**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
CITY COUNCIL**

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

FROM: Stephanie M. Yara, Director of Council Services NY 6/19/20

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Legislation

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. R-20-69 Establishing Policy For The Recognition Of Juneteenth In The City Of Albuquerque (Davis, Gibson), which was passed at the Council meeting of June 15, 2020 by a vote of 8 FOR AND 0 AGAINST.

Excused: Harris

In accordance with the provisions of the City Charter, your action is respectfully requested.

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-20-69 ENACTMENT NO. R-2020-067

SPONSORED BY: Pat Davis, Diane G. Gibson

1 RESOLUTION
2 ESTABLISHING POLICY FOR THE RECOGNITION OF JUNETEENTH IN THE
3 CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE.

4 WHEREAS, on June 19th, 1865 Major General Granger proclaimed to troops
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
11 Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day and Black Independence Day,
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
24 General Order Number 3; and

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1 **WHEREAS, the City honors, respects, and supports organizations,**
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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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF June, 2020
2 BY A VOTE OF: 8 FOR 0 AGAINST.
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5 Excused: Harris
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10 Patrick Davis, President
11 City Council
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14 APPROVED THIS 21 DAY OF June, 2020
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16 Bill No. R-20-69
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21 Timothy M. Keller, Mayor
22 City of Albuquerque
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26 ATTEST:
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30 Ethan Watson, City Clerk
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