

TOWN OF COPENNY
RESOLUTION Number 19 of June 9, 2022
To Declare Juneteenth a 2022 Holiday in the Town of Copake, NY

Whereas, in 1863, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared more than three million slaves living in the Confederate states to be free; and

Whereas, more than two years would pass, before the news reached African Americans living in Texas. It was not until Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, that the state's residents finally learned that slavery had been abolished and they were free; and

Whereas, a century and a half later, people in cities and towns across the U.S. continue to celebrate the occasion; and

Whereas, in recent years, there is a renewed interest in the day that celebrates freedom; and

Whereas, the celebration continues to resonate in new ways, as this Nation continues to work towards a more perfect Union,

Now, therefore be it Resolved, that Juneteenth shall be a holiday in the Town of Copake in year 2022, to be observed on June 20, 2022 and that Article VI, C (6)(a) of the Town Policy Manual shall be amended to include Juneteenth as a holiday.

Roll Call Vote The foregoing Resolution, offered by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

Resolution #19
Dated June 9, 2022
Copake, New York

Roll Call Vote.	Supervisor Mettler	yes
	Councilperson Wolf	absent
	Councilperson Gansowski	yes
	Councilperson Judd	yes
	Councilperson Sullivan	yes

Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

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