

Proclamation

Juneteenth 2023

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest national commemoration of the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2007, the North Carolina General Assembly approved An Act Recognizing Juneteenth National Freedom Day in North Carolina (Session Law 2007-450) but has not designated Juneteenth as an official state holiday; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2020, the Carrboro Town Council adopted a resolution designating Juneteenth as an official paid holiday for Town employees and urging state and federal legislators to sponsor legislation making Juneteenth an official state and federal holiday; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2021, the United States Congress approved the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, and President Joe Biden signed the bill the following day, making Juneteenth National Independence Day a federal holiday; and

WHEREAS, a Chapel Hill-Carrboro Juneteenth Celebration will be held on Saturday, June 17, by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP Youth Council, the Marian Cheek Jackson Center for Saving and Making History, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Office of Equity and Engagement, and the Towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Damon Seils, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Monday, June 19, 2023, to be a date for the celebration of Juneteenth National Independence Day in Carrboro. I encourage all residents to learn more about the history of Juneteenth and to attend the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 17, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Hargraves Community Center in Chapel Hill.

This the 13th day of June, 2023.



Damon Seils, Mayor

