



## City Council of the City of Marathon, Florida

### Juneteenth Proclamation

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City of Marathon City Council hereby recognizes June 19<sup>th</sup> of 2022 as Juneteenth, 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 City.

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Mayor John Bartus

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*June 14, 2022*  
Date