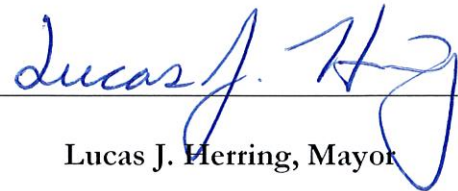


CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION FOR JUNETEENTH NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY

- WHEREAS, on September 22nd, 1862, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States Abraham Lincoln, containing, among other things, that all persons held as slaves within any State be forever free; and
- WHEREAS, Juneteenth National Freedom Day celebrates the events of June 19, 1865, when Major General Gordon Granger led Union soldiers into Galveston, Texas, bringing news that the Civil War had ended and that the Emancipation Proclamation declared all slaves to be free; and
- WHEREAS, in Texas and throughout the South, Juneteenth celebrations begin on June 19th of each year – consisting of prayer services, inspirational speeches, readings of the Emancipation Proclamation, food, games, and dances – as an observance commemorating the enforcement of President Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation; and
- WHEREAS, in 1997, during the 105th United States Congress, House Joint Resolution 56 and Senate Joint Resolution 11 were passed, officially recognizing Juneteenth Independence Day; and
- WHEREAS, Juneteenth reflects the City of Barre’s deep belief in liberty and equality for every citizen and appreciation of various life experiences; and
- WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the strength and resolve of African-Americans throughout our history, and is an opportunity to celebrate African-American culture, art, history, and achievement; and,
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lucas J. Herring, Mayor of the City of Barre, Vermont, do hereby proclaim June 19th, 2020, as Juneteenth National Freedom Day and encourage ask our residents and neighbors to join them in taking action to protect and support black individuals and communities.




Lucas J. Herring, Mayor