

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Upper Marlboro

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 13th 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, June 19th 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 Board of Commissioners for the Town of Upper Marlboro proclaim Saturday June 19th, 2021, as

JUNETEENTH

in the Town of Upper Marlboro, and urge all residents to become more aware of the significance of this celebration in African-American History and in the heritage of our nation and Town.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Town Commissioners have hereunto set their hands and caused the seal of the Town of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, to be affixed this 8th day of June, 2021.


Linda Penmoyer
Mayor/President


Sarah Franklin
Commissioner/Treasurer


Janice Duckett
Commissioner