

IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE OF PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS

**FILED**

JUN 18 2020

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING  
JUNETEENTH AS A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE,  
REFLECTION & CELEBRATION IN PULASKI  
COUNTY, ARKANSAS

TERRI HOLLINGSWORTH  
CIRCUIT COUNTY CLERK

2020-0158

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**PROCLAMATION & EXECUTIVE ORDER**

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**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 1865, the U.S. Army marched into Galveston, Texas and delivered General Order Number 3, declaring "all slaves are free;"

**WHEREAS**, it took two (2) and a half years for news of President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, issued in 1863, to reach Texas;

**WHEREAS**, that joyous day in June 1865 became known as Juneteenth;

**WHEREAS**, the contributions of African Americans enrich every facet of life in Pulaski County and across this county;

**WHEREAS**, the foundational promise of the United States, that all people are created equal, is not fully realized for many people;

**WHEREAS**, recent events remind us that work remains to unwind systemic injustices, ensuring that the laws of every locality, every state and this nation are designed to protect equality under the law, especially without regard to race;

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has taken its toll on the communities of Pulaski County, giving reason for all of us to pause and reflect on what matters most;


**WHEREAS**, we must reflect on the past in order to get a better sense of how to shape our future.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Barry Hyde, as Pulaski County Judge, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Arkansas Constitution and laws of the State of Arkansas, as chief executive of Pulaski County, promulgate the following Proclamation & Executive Order:

June 19 is hereby proclaimed to be known as Juneteenth in Pulaski County, and it shall be a day of remembrance of our history, reflection on the significance of our current time, and celebration of the promise of liberty.

In recognition of Juneteenth all Pulaski County buildings will be closed on June 19, 2020.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
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**BARRY HYDE, PULASKI COUNTY  
JUDGE/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**