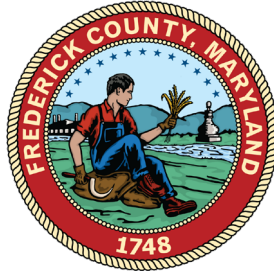


# Proclamation



**Whereas,** *Juneteenth fosters an appreciation of African American history and culture, celebrating freedom and achievement, while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures; and*

**Whereas,** *On Juneteenth we think about that moment in time when the enslaved in Galveston, Texas, received word of their freedom. We imagine the depth of their emotions, their jubilant dance and their fear of the unknown; and*

**Whereas,** *Juneteenth is a day on which honor and respect are paid for the sufferings of slavery. It is a day on which we acknowledge the evils of slavery and its aftermath. On Juneteenth we talk about our history and note that there is still work to do before all freedoms are fully realized; and*

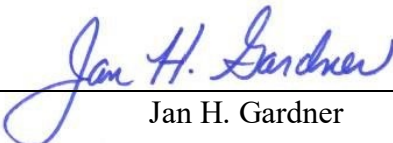
**Whereas,** *Juneteenth is a day of reflection, a day of renewal, a pride-filled day. On this day we come together young and old to listen, to learn and to refresh the drive to achieve. Juneteenth is a day that we pray for peace and liberty for all.*

**Now, Therefore,** *as the County Executive of Frederick County, Maryland, I do hereby proclaim June 19, 2021, as*

## *Juneteenth Day*

*in Frederick County, and encourage all residents to honor this observance.*

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF  
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

  
Jan H. Gardner

**Presented** *this 19th day of June 2020*