

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE**

**IN RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION OF  
JUNETEENTH AND DESIGNATED AS A TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY**

**RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864, in said Township on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution is offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest celebration of the emancipation of African American slaves, and is so named for the June 19, 1866 adoption of Black Independence Day in Galveston, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, Congress passed Juneteenth as a US Federal holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, in 2021 the State of Michigan passed Juneteenth as a State paid holiday beginning in 2022; and,

WHEREAS, Juneteenth meets the Township Board's DEI objective to foster a workplace that adheres to the highest standards of diversity, equity and inclusion; and,

WHEREAS, the Meridian Township Board encourages the entire community to celebrate Juneteenth; and,

WHEREAS, the Meridian Township Board passed a resolution of support on June 15, 2021 encouraging the entire community to recognize and celebrate Juneteenth; and, a Resolution to Approve In Recognition and Celebration of Juneteenth And Designation as a Township Holiday on April 26, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, that the Meridian Township Board recognizes, adopts and proclaims this Resolution to underscore the freedom with dignity of every human being;

FURTHER RESOLVE to designate Juneteenth as an official Township government holiday by closing administrative offices in observance of this Federal holiday and to amend all contracts and the Personnel Policy – Holiday Pay to include Juneteenth as a paid holiday for all employees.

