



Dutchess County Executive

Juneteenth **PROCLAMATION**

June 2022

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of enslavement in America; and

WHEREAS, On June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger and his troops traveled to Galveston, Texas to announce General Orders No. 3 which stated "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor."; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a day of reflection, a day of renewal, a pride-filled day. It is a moment in time taken to appreciate the progress and contributions made by African Americans to this society; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth was declared a federal holiday on June 17, 2021 ; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARCUS J. MOLINARO, County Executive of Dutchess County, do hereby proclaim ***June 19, 2022*** as ***Juneteenth*** in ***Dutchess County***.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my
hand and seal, this 19th day of June 2022.

MARCUS J. MOLINARO
Dutchess County Executive