

CITY OF ENGLEWOOD

RESOLUTION #116-05-17-11

CITY OF ENGLEWOOD COMMEMORATES JUNETEENTH

WHEREAS, the holiday of Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, commemorates the announcement of the abolition of slavery in the State of Texas on June 19, 1865 and has since become a day to honor African American heritage throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Englewood is proud to be a culturally diverse and rich community with a large African-American population comprising nearly thirty-three percent of its total population and wishes to recognize and honor this important day in African American history; and

WHEREAS, Englewood resident and State Senator Byron M. Baer, District 37, in 2004 sponsored Senate Bill No. 566 to designate the third Saturday of June in each year as “Juneteenth Independence Day” in the State of New Jersey “to commemorate and celebrate the emancipation of African-Americans and foster respect for all cultures.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Englewood that it hereby officially recognizes June 19th as Juneteenth Day in the City of Englewood and that by doing so honors the legacy and traditions of the African American community of the City of Englewood.

COUNCIL	MOTION	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<i>Algrant</i>					
<i>Rosenzweig</i>					
<i>Cohen</i>					
<i>Drakeford</i>					
<i>Reddin</i>					

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Englewood.

Lauren P. Vande Vaarst, RMC
City Clerk
City of Englewood