

2020 First Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

BY SENATORS BARROW, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, HARRIS, JACKSON,  
PETERSON AND PRICE

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. To recognize and commemorate the historical significance of June 19, 1865, as a day of celebration and recognition for the need to get along and work together.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize and commemorate the historical significance of June 19, 1865, as a day of  
3 celebration and the need to get along and work together.

4 WHEREAS, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the  
5 Emancipation Proclamation that ended slavery; and

6 WHEREAS, two and one-half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued,  
7 there was little effect on southern states due to the minimal number of Union troops to  
8 enforce the new executive order; and

9 WHEREAS, it was on June 19, 1865, that Union soldiers led by Major General  
10 Gordon Granger landed in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War had ended; and

11 WHEREAS, the celebration of June 19, 1865, was coined "Juneteenth" and grew  
12 with more participation from descendants of slaves; and

13 WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery; and

14 WHEREAS, today, Juneteenth celebrates African-American freedom while  
15 encouraging education, achievement, and respect for all cultures in our nation; and

16 WHEREAS, with recent events involving African Americans and others in our  
17 society, it is important, now more than ever, that there be understanding by everyone, and  
18 the need for all members of the community to work together and support one another.

1            THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
2            does hereby recognize and commemorate Juneteenth as a day of celebration for all African  
3            Americans.

4            BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on the occasion of this celebration, all persons  
5            recognize the need to respect one another and work together.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

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DIGEST

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Barrow

Recognizes Juneteenth as a day of celebration for all African Americans and that all persons  
recognize the need to respect one another and work together.