



TOWNSHIP OF SCHAUMBURG

Proclamation

In Recognition of
“Juneteenth”

WHEREAS, following the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring enslaved people in Confederate territory free, word about the signing was delayed two and a half years, to June 19, 1865, in reaching authorities and enslaved people in the South and Southwestern United States; and

WHEREAS, June 19th has a special meaning to African-Americans, and is called "Juneteenth" combining the words June and Nineteenth, and has been celebrated by the African-American community for over 150 years; and

WHEREAS, honoring Juneteenth allows for the community to gather together and celebrate African-American contributions and the vibrant African-American culture; and

WHEREAS, further education on the history and significance of Juneteenth makes space to discuss America’s painful past with slavery and how reverberations of that era still lurk in society today; and

WHEREAS, there is still much work to be done to ensure equality and true freedom for all, and the Township is committed to taking steps to close the gaps; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, Supervisor Heneghan and Township of Schaumburg Trustees, on this 28th day of June, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2023 as **JUNETEENTH** in the Township of Schaumburg.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Township of Schaumburg to be affixed this 28th day of June 2023.

Timothy M. Heneghan, Township Supervisor