

RESOLUTION #2024-10

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILDWOOD, MISSOURI, RECOGNIZING JUNETEENTH (JUNE 19TH) ON THE OFFICIAL CITY CALENDAR.

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also referred to as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, and Cel-Liberation Day, stands as the longest-celebrated commemoration of the abolition of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth marks June 19th, 1865, the day when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, to announce the end of the Civil War and proclaim freedom for all enslaved African Americans, thereby liberating the last remaining enslaved people in the United States, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, this significant event in American history is a time to celebrate African American freedom and to promote equality for all American people; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Juneteenth aligns with the City of Wildwood's commitment to promoting historical awareness and commemorating significant events in American history; and

WHEREAS, the United States Federal Government recognized Juneteenth as an official holiday on June 17th, 2021, the State of Missouri recognized Juneteenth as an official holiday on June 19th, 2003, and St. Louis County recognized Juneteenth as an official holiday on June 19th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Wildwood, Missouri, believes it is important to properly acknowledge and celebrate this day as a part of our community's history and heritage; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Wildwood, Missouri, desires to officially recognize Juneteenth on the City Calendar to ensure proper recognition and awareness of this important day.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILDWOOD, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. That Juneteenth (June 19th) shall be officially recognized and included on the City Calendar, labeled as "JUNETEENTH," as demonstrated in Exhibit A.

Section Two. Although City Hall will remain open and operational on June 19th, the City Council underscores the importance of recognizing and commemorating this day to honor the end of slavery in the United States.

Section Three. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to mark June 19th with the word "Juneteenth" on the Official City Calendar every year moving forward, commencing in 2024.

Section Four. Severability. If any term, condition, or provision of this Resolution shall, to any extent, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder hereof shall be valid in all other respects and continue to be effective and each and every remaining provision hereof shall be valid and shall be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law, it being the intent of the City Council that it would have enacted this Resolution without the invalid or unenforceable provisions. In the event of a subsequent change in applicable law so that the provision which had been held invalid is no longer invalid, said provision shall thereupon return to full force and effect without further action by the City and shall thereafter be binding.

Section Five. This Resolution shall be effective and in full force upon its passage and approval.

Passed and resolved by the Council of the City of Wildwood, Missouri this 10th day of June, 2024.



Joseph Garritano, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Exhibit A

June 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 FARMERS MARKET GREEN ROCK TRAIL CHALLENGE
2	3 PLANNING & ZONING 6:30 PM (CC)	4 ADMIN/PUBLIC WORKS 5:30 PM (CR)	5 WILDWOOD CELEBRATION 6:00 PM (CR)	6 COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR 7:30 AM (CR)	7	8 FARMERS MARKET
9	10 CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION 5:30 PM MEETING 6:30 PM (CC)	11	12 COURT 7:00 PM (CR, CC)	13 BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY 6:30 PM (CC) ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD 6:30 PM (CR)	14	15 FARMERS MARKET
16	17 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 6:00 PM (CR) HISTORIC PRESERVATION 6:30 PM (CC)	18 PLANNING & PARKS 6:30 PM (CR)	19 JUNETEENTH COURT 7:00 PM (CR, CC)	20 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 6:30 PM (CC)	21 MUSIC ON MAIN 6:45 PM	22 FARMERS MARKET NEW RESIDENT PICNIC
23	24 NO MEETING WEEK	25	26	27	28	29 FARMERS MARKET
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CC = COUNCIL CHAMBERS; CR = COMMUNITY ROOM