

1 **STATE OF GEORGIA**
2 **COUNTY OF FULTON**
3 **CITY OF SOUTH FULTON**
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6 **RESOLUTION No. 2019-0XX**
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8 **A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY’S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE TO**
9 **RECOGNIZE JUNE NINETEETH (JUNETEENTH) AS AN OFFICIAL CITY**
10 **HOLIDAY AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES**

11 **(Sponsored by Councilman khalid)**
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13 **WHEREAS**, the City of South Fulton (“City”) is a municipal corporation duly
14 organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, the duly elected governing authority of the City is the Mayor and
17 Council thereof (“City Council”); and
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19 **WHEREAS**, the City wishes to celebrate the heritage of its African-American
20 residents, a majority of which are decendants of African slaves;
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22 **WHEREAS**, August 2019 marks the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the
23 “White Lion” Trading Ship which brought the first kidnapped Africans to America who
24 would toil until their death as slaves, along with 12 genreations of their children, whom
25 for 246 years would also toil from birth to death as slaves; and
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27 **WHEREAS**, Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of
28 the ending of the sinful practice of legally-sanctioned slavery in the United States, dating
29 back to June 19, 1865 where Union soldies arrived in Galveston, Texas to inform and
30 liberate Africans still being held as slaves 2 years after the Civil War had ended;
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32 **WHEREAS**, the State of Georgia currently recognizes two holidays — the
33 bithday of Confederate Army Commander Robert E. Lee on January 19 (also known as
34 Confederate Heroes Day) and Confederate Memorial Day on the 4th Monday in April —
35 which commemorate the Confederate States or America, an illegal act of succession the
36 State of Georgia actively participated in, including supporting a four-year long Civil War
37 killing over 620,000 Americans to preserve the practice of legally enslaving African
38 Americans; and
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40 **WHEREAS**, the State of Georgia has made no formal apology or reparations to
41 African slaves or their decendents for these actions, and created no Holiday to
42 commemoraе the emancipation of its African-American citizens from slavery;
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44 **NOW THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
45 **SOUTH FULTON HEREBY RESOLVES** as follows:

46 **Section 1.**

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48 1. **Observation of Holiday.** June 19th is hereby declared “Juneteenth” an official
49 City Holiday:

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51 a. The City, annually, shall commit one fifth of one percent of its Annual
52 Budget for commoration of the Holiday. The coordination of this annual
53 commemortion shall be organized by the City’s Parks Department and/or
54 its Bureau of Cultural Affairs.

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56 b. The City shall observe June 19 as an official paid holiday on the days in
57 which it falls on a regular workday between Monday and Friday. No City
58 business shall be conducted on that day, except to facilitate the
59 celebration or commemoration of the day. City employees who are mission
60 critical on June 19 will be offered flex time for the hours they work on that
61 day.

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63 2. **Local, State and Federal Encouragement.** The City Council hereby
64 encourages:

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66 a. Residents Business owners in the City and Georgia municipal, county and
67 school board leaders to enact Juneteenth policies and resolutions for their
68 employees and students;

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70 b. State and Federal Leaders to adopt resolutions making Juneteeth an official
71 holiday;

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75 **Section 2.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that:

76 (a) All sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Resolution
77 are, or were, upon their enactment, believed by the City Council to be fully valid,
78 enforceable and constitutional.

79 (b) To the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph,
80 sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is severable from every other section,
81 paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution. No section, paragraph,
82 sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is mutually dependent upon any other
83 section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution.

84 (c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this
85 Resolution shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or
86 otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent
87 jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the City Council that such invalidity,
88 unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not

89 render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining
90 phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of the Resolution.

91 **Section 3.** All Resolutions and parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are
92 hereby expressly repealed.

93 **Section 4.** The effective date of this Resolution shall be the date of adoption
94 unless provided otherwise by the City Charter or state and/or federal law.

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96 **Section 5. *Instruction to City Clerk:*** The City Clerk is hereby directed to
97 circulate a copy of this Resolution to all City employees, staff and officials.

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99 The foregoing RESOLUTION No. 2018-0xx, adopted on _____ was
100 offered by Councilmember _____, who moved its approval. The motion
101 was seconded by Councilmember _____, and being put to a vote, the
102 result was as follows:

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105 William "Bill" Edwards, Mayor	_____	_____
106 Mark Baker, Mayor Pro Tem	_____	_____
107 Catherine Foster Rowell	_____	_____
108 Carmalitha Lizandra Gumbs	_____	_____
109 Helen Zenobia Willis	_____	_____
110 Gertrude Naeema Gilyard	_____	_____
111 Rosie Jackson	_____	_____
112 khalid kamau	_____	_____

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115 THIS RESOLUTION adopted this _____ day of _____ 2018.

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117 **CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA**

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122 WILLIAM "BILL" EDWARDS, MAYOR

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125 ATTEST:

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129 MARK MASSEY, CITY CLERK

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131 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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135 EMILIA C. WALKER, CITY ATTORNEY

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