

**BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH
JUNETEENTH PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of enslavement in America; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a day of reflection, a day of renewal, a pride-filled day. It is a moment in time taken to appreciate the progress and contributions made by African American to this society; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is inclusive of all races, ethnicities, and nationalities – recognized by Americans everywhere as a symbolic milestone in our journey toward a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS, it is a day where we take one step closer together – to better utilize the energy wasted on racism. Juneteenth is a day that we pray for peace and liberty for all, a celebration of freedom.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach, do hereby proclaim, Monday, June 19, 2023 as “JUNETEENTH” in the Borough of Bradley Beach and encourage all citizens young and old to pay tribute to the journey, embrace the past, as well as the future that unity, respect and appreciation brings.

Dated the 14th June 2023

Larry Fox, Mayor

Meredith DeMarco, Council President

Jane DeNoble, Councilwoman

Al Gubitosi, Councilman

John Weber, Councilman