

**RESOLUTION #2020-12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COATESVILLE,  
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, RECOGNIZING JUNETEENTH AS A  
LEGAL HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF COATESVILLE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coatesville (“City”) is a Third Class City operating by means of a home rule charter; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth (June 19<sup>th</sup>) is a celebration of freedom and observance of the anniversary of the day in 1865 that slaves in Texas were informed that they had been freed by the Emancipation Proclamation and were the last slaves to be so informed; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Coatesville (“Council”) has determined that it is in the best interest of its residents and for the public good to recognize Juneteenth (June 19<sup>th</sup>) as a legal holiday in the City of Coatesville; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Coatesville, after considering the history of Juneteenth (June 19<sup>th</sup>) as both a celebration of freedom and an observance of the date on which the last enslaved people in the United States learned of their being freed by the Emancipation Proclamation:

1. That Juneteenth (June 19<sup>th</sup>) shall be recognized by the City of Coatesville as a legal holiday and all City administrative offices shall be closed in observance thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Council of the City of Coatesville has adopted and enacted this Resolution this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2020.



Linda Lavender-Norris  
City Council President

ATTEST:



Michael Trio  
City Manager