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ASSEMBLY Resolution

**In support of WASHINGTON JUNETEENTH 2000
National Holiday Observance and National Juneteenth
Holiday Campaign**

Whereas, more than 130 years old, **Juneteenth** National Freedom Day is the oldest and only African-American holiday observance in the United States. Also known as "Emancipation Day," "Emancipation Celebration," "Freedom Day," "Jun-Jun" and "**Juneteenth**." **Juneteenth** National Freedom Day commemorates the survival, due to God given strength and determination, of African-Americans, who were first brought to this country stacked in the bottom of slave ships in a month long journey across the Atlantic Ocean known as the "Middle Passage"; and

Whereas, approximately eleven and one-half million African-Americans survived the voyage to the New World, the number that died is likely greater, only to be subjected to whipping, castration, branding, rape, tearing apart of families and forced to submit to slavery for more than 200 years after arrival in the United States; and

Whereas, **Juneteenth** commemorates the day freedom was proclaimed to all slaves in the south by Union General Granger, on June 19, 1865, in Galveston, Texas, more than two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln. For the first time, in over 130 years of the annual celebration, **Juneteenth** has finally been "*officially recognized*" as **Juneteenth Independence Day** in America by the President and Congress of the United States; and

Whereas, this reality is particularly underscored by the fact that it was in the 1st Session of the 105th Congress via the bipartisan cooperation of the Former Congresswoman Barbara Rose-Collins (D-Michigan), Former Senator Carol Mosely-Braun (D-Illinois), Congressman J.C. Watts (R-Oklahoma), Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia), Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Mississippi) and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle (D-South Dakota), that *Senate Joint Resolution 11* and *House Joint Resolution 56* were successfully shepherded through both Houses of Congress, in a successful effort to officially recognize Juneteenth as the Independence Day Observance of Americans of African descent in 1997; and

Whereas, Americans of all colors, creeds, cultures, religions and countries-of-origin, share in a common love of and respect for "*freedom*", as well as a determination to protect their right to freedom through democratic institutions, by which the "*tenets-of-freedom*" are guaranteed and protected. The "19th of June" or **Juneteenth Independence Day**, along with the "4th of July", completes the "*cycle of freedom*" for America's Independence Day observances. "*Until All are Free, None are Free*" is an oft

repeated maxim that can be used to highlight the significance of the end of the era of slavery in the United States; and

Whereas, the **National Juneteenth Observance Foundation** is sponsoring the premier celebration, concert, worship services and campaign to commemorate America's 2nd **Independence Day Observance**, the "**19th of June**", as one which completes the cycle of America's 18th century Independence Movement, initiated with the "**4th of July**", 1776 "**Declaration of Independence**" and to recognize this country's movement towards a "**One America**", advanced by a sincere dialogue of the realization of what **Juneteenth** historically means to all Americans, promoting racial healing, restoration and justice; and

Be It Resolved, that _____

hereby adopts this resolution in support of this historic recognition and encourages participation of our members, families, and communities in the "*1st officially recognized*" **WASHINGTON JUNETEENTH 2000 NATIONAL HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE**, on the National Mall, Lincoln Memorial and U.S. Capital Grounds, scheduled for Saturday, June 17, 2000, from 8:00am till 5:00pm. The Saturday celebration will be followed by a Sunday evening **Juneteenth** Fathers Day Benefit Concert honoring African-American Fathers, and a Monday, June 19, 2000 noon rally in support of National **Juneteenth Independence Day** holiday legislation and a series of evening **Juneteenth Prayer and Praise Worship Services** in churches and houses of worship throughout the Washington, DC area and the country.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 1999.

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Attest:

Title



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1999 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

to Jay

1 **Relating to:** supporting and urging support for the WASHINGTON JUNETEENTH
 2 2000 NATIONAL HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE, on the National Mall, Lincoln
 3 Memorial and U.S. Capital Grounds, scheduled for Saturday, June 17, 2000,
 4 and urging Congress to pass National Juneteenth-Independence Day holiday
 5 legislation.

6 Whereas, more than 130 years old, Juneteenth National Freedom Day is the
 7 oldest and only African-American holiday observance in the United States, which
 8 is also known as "Emancipation Day," "Emancipation Celebration," "Freedom Day,"
 9 "Jun-Jun" and "Juneteenth"; and

10 Whereas, Juneteenth National Freedom Day commemorates the survival, due
 11 to God-given strength and determination, of African-Americans, who were first
 12 brought to this country stacked in the bottom of slave ships in a month-long journey
 13 across the Atlantic Ocean, known as the "Middle Passage"; and

14 Whereas, approximately eleven and one-half million African-Americans
 15 survived the voyage to the New World (the number that died is likely greater), only

11,500,000

1 to be subjected to whipping, castration, branding, rape, tearing apart of families and
2 forced submission to slavery for more than 200 years after arrival in the United
3 States; and

4 Whereas, Juneteenth commemorates the day ^{on which} freedom was proclaimed to all
5 slaves in the south by Union General Granger, on June 19, 1865, in Galveston, Texas,
6 more than ~~two~~ ^{2.5} and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation
7 by President Abraham Lincoln; and

8 Whereas, for the first time, in over 130 years of the annual celebration,
9 Juneteenth has finally been “officially recognized” as Juneteenth Independence Day
10 in America by the President and Congress of the United States; and

11 Whereas, this reality is particularly underscored by the fact that it was in the
12 1st Session of the 105th Congress ⁽¹⁾ via the bipartisan cooperation of ~~the~~ Former
13 Congresswoman Barbara Rose-Collins (D-Michigan), Former Senator Carol
14 Mosely-Braun (D-Illinois), Congressman J.C. Watts (R-Oklahoma), Former House
15 Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia), Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott
16 (R-Mississippi) and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle (D-South Dakota), that
17 Senate Joint Resolution 11 and House Joint Resolution 56 were successfully
18 shepherded through both ~~Houses~~ of Congress, in a successful effort to officially
19 recognize Juneteenth as the Independence Day ⁽²⁾ Observance of Americans of African
20 descent in 1997; and

21 Whereas, Americans of all colors, creeds, cultures, religions and
22 countries-of-origin ⁽³⁾ share in a common love of, and respect for, “freedom” ⁽⁴⁾ as well as
23 a determination to protect their right to freedom through democratic institutions, by
24 which the “tenets-of-freedom” are guaranteed and protected; and

1 Whereas, the “19th of June” or Juneteenth Independence Day, along with the
2 “4th of July”, completes the “cycle of freedom” for America’s Independence Day
3 observances; and

4 Whereas, “Until All are Free, None are Free” is an oft-repeated maxim that can
5 be used to highlight the significance of the end of the era of slavery in the United
6 States; and

7 Whereas, the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation is sponsoring the
8 premier celebration, concert, worship services and campaign to commemorate
9 America’s 2nd Independence Day Observance, the “19th of June”, as one which
10 completes the cycle of America’s 18th century Independence Movement, initiated
11 with the “4th of July”, 1776, “Declaration of Independence” and to recognize this
12 country’s movement towards a “One America”, advanced by a sincere dialogue of the
13 realization of what Juneteenth historically means to all Americans, promoting racial
14 healing, restoration and justice; now, therefore, be it

15 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the members of the Wisconsin assembly
16 support this historic recognition and encourage participation of our members,
17 families and communities in the “officially recognized” WASHINGTON
18 JUNETEENTH 2000 NATIONAL HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE, on the National Mall,
19 Lincoln Memorial and U.S. Capital Grounds, scheduled for Saturday, June 17, 2000,
20 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., which will be followed by a Sunday evening
21 Juneteenth Fathers’ Day Benefit Concert honoring African-American Fathers, and
22 a Monday, June 19, 2000, noon rally in support of National Juneteenth Independence
23 Day holiday legislation and a series of evening Juneteenth Prayer and Praise
24 Worship Services in churches and houses of worship throughout the Washington,
25 D.C. area and the country; and, be it further

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~~*Resolved, That* the assembly of the state of Wisconsin hereby urges Congress to pass National Juneteenth Independence Day holiday legislation, and, be it further~~

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to the president and secretary of the U.S. senate, to the speaker and clerk of the U.S. house of representatives and to each member of the congressional delegation from this state attesting the adoption of this resolution by the 1999 assembly of the state of Wisconsin.

(END)

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In enrolling, the following
correction was made:

#. Page 1, line 12: delete
"11,500,00" and substitute
"11,500,000".

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