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Whereas, Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free.

Whereas, this was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation - which had become official January 1, 1863. The Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on the Texans due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new Executive Order. However, with the surrender of General Lee in April of 1865, and the arrival of General Granger's regiment, the forces were finally strong enough to influence and overcome the resistance.

Whereas, attempts to explain this two and a half year delay in the receipt of this important news have yielded several versions that have been handed down through the years. Often told is the story of a messenger who was murdered on his way to Texas with the news of freedom. Another, is that the news was deliberately withheld by the enslavers to maintain the labor force on the plantations.

Whereas, the federal troops actually waited for the slave owners to reap the benefits of one last cotton harvest before going to Texas to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation. All of which, or neither of these version could be true. Certainly, for some, President Lincoln's authority over the rebellious states was in question. For whatever the reasons, conditions in Texas remained status quo well beyond what was statutory.

Whereas, Northcott Neighborhood House Inc. has sponsored Juneteenth festivities for all fifty-seven years. Juneteenth today, celebrates African American freedom and achievement while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures. As it takes on a more national, symbolic and even global perspective, the events of 1865 in Texas are not forgotten, for all of the roots tie back to this fertile soil from which a national day of pride is growing.

Whereas, Milwaukee, Wisconsin is one of the largest celebration in the United States and in 2019 there will be have a variety of festivities: Miss & Little Miss Juneteenth Pageant, Juneteenth Parade and Festival that thousands participate and attend.

Whereas, Northcott Neighborhood House's Executive Director MacArthur Weddle and Program Director Adriane Griffin will serve as the 2019 Grand Marshalls of the Juneteenth Parade, they have been the leaders and trailblazers of the success of Juneteenth festivities in Milwaukee and a model for other cities to replicate for decades.

Therefore, be it resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, that the members of the Wisconsin State Legislature hereby recognize June 19, 2019 as the 57th celebration of Juneteenth Day in the State of Wisconsin.



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2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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2 in the State of Wisconsin.

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4 ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that
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of Juneteenth Day in the State of Wisconsin.

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