

RESOLUTION NO. 1023

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF KYLE, TEXAS IN APPRECIATION  
FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CITIZENS OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE;  
AND DECLARING THE MONTH OF JUNE AS “JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION  
MONTH”**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Kyle takes pride in its African-American heritage, which represents the full spectrum of history from enslaved people of the 1800's to those who have served with distinction in more recent times in city leadership positions; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Kyle commemorates the founding of the Sledge Chapel Baptist Church in 1886 by Reverend Dilwortham as the only surviving African American Church in Kyle with a long and significant history; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Kyle appreciates the many significant contributions made to the city by civic-minded individuals such as Mattie Broadfoot, the first African-American Councilwoman, James Adkins, the first African-American Mayor, and Esther Hicks, the first African-American Planning and Zoning Commissioner, most recently, Ray Bryant, an African-American City Councilman and Planning and Zoning Commissioner, currently with Dexter Ellison, current Planning and Zoning Commissioner; and

**WHEREAS**, In the words of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., “We are not makers of history. We are made by history”; and

**WHEREAS**, **Juneteenth**, also known as **Juneteenth Independence Day** or **Freedom Day**, is a holiday that commemorates the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas in June 1865. This occurred more than two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Abraham Lincoln. Upon the reading of General Order #3 by General Granger, our ancestors, released from the tyranny of enslavement, celebrated jubilantly, establishing America's second Independence Day Celebration and the oldest African American holiday observance.

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the City of Kyle, that the month of June should be celebrated as

**“Juneteenth Celebration Month”**

in recognition of “Freedom Day” and in appreciation of the many achievements of Kyle’s civic minded participants of African American heritage.

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution was passed was open to the public as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Local Government Code, and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by said Act.

This resolution shall take effect from and after the date of its passage as authorized by the Charter of the City of Kyle, Texas.

**SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF June, 2016.**

ATTEST:

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R. Todd Webster, Mayor

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Jennifer A. Vetrano, City Secretary