

RESOLUTION NO. 69-2024

**RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
TO OBSERVE JUNETEENTH AS A HOLIDAY**

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring the slaves in Confederate territory free, paving the way for the passing of the 13th Amendment which formally abolished slavery in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, word about the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was delayed some two and one-half years, to June 19, 1865, in reaching authorities and African-Americans in the South and Southwestern United States; and

WHEREAS, June 19th has a special meaning to African-Americans, and is called "JUNETEENTH" combining the words June and Nineteenth and has been celebrated by the African-American community for over 150 years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, upon proper motion and vote at a public meeting by the Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey does hereby acknowledge and approve "JUNETEENTH" as a holiday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this holiday shall be celebrated on a yearly basis and the holiday shall be honored on the same day in accordance with the State of New Jersey.

ADOPTED by Monroe Municipal Utilities Authority on June 19, 2024.

MONROE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: _____


CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____


Assistant Secretary