

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Administrative Order No. 21-07

Order Designating Juneteenth as an Observed Holiday in the Tenth Judicial District

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a date of great historical and cultural significance, marking the date in 1865 when news of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 by President Abraham Lincoln finally reached Galveston, Texas, upon the issuance of General Order Number 3 by Major General Gordon Granger; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, with such news reaching the southernmost point in the South, accompanied by the arrival of Union soldiers in Galveston, it became known to all citizens of the United States of America that all previously enslaved persons were officially freed from such indentured servitude and thus recognized for the first time as citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, commemoration of Juneteenth celebrates the event of freedom, and further serves as an occasion to promote the advancement of unity, equality and justice for all citizens and recognizes the significance of freedom for all; and


WHEREAS, on October 7, 2021, the Johnson County Board of County Commissioners recognized Juneteenth as a standard, fixed holiday for Johnson County Government for the year 2022 and subsequent years;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that June 19, 2022 shall be designated as a special court holiday for all employees of the Judicial Branch of the Tenth Judicial District for the State of Kansas; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all courts of the Tenth Judicial District shall be closed on the recognized Juneteenth holiday beginning in 2022 and all subsequent years, other than for essential functions or other proceedings as may be deemed necessary in the discretion of the Chief Judge.

This Order shall be effective immediately from the date set forth herein.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 30th day of December, 2021.


THOMAS KELLY RYAN
Chief Judge, 10th Judicial District

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