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Louisville Metro Government

Legislation Text

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ORDINANCE NO. _____, SERIES 2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 39 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES RECOGNIZING JUNE NINETEENTH AS "JUNETEENTH NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY" (AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION).

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS BOWENS, SHANKLIN, DORSEY, PURVIS, ARTHUR, MCCRANEY,
TRIPLETT, AND PRESIDENT JAMES

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest known holiday commemorating the final communication of the abolition of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a 2021 Act of Congress passed with overwhelming bipartisan support, June 19 was designated as a US federal holiday to be known as Juneteenth National Independence Day; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Kentucky General Assembly, recognizing the significance of Juneteenth, enacted legislation declaring that the nineteenth of June each year shall be observed in Kentucky as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day;" and

WHEREAS, an inaugural Juneteenth Jubilee Commission, established February 1, 2021 by Mayoral Executive Order and including a broad cross section of community representation, successfully created a series of events to celebrate Juneteenth and educate residents regarding the profound significance of the occasion; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of establishing a framework through which community awareness of and participation in recognition of Juneteenth on an annual basis will broaden our mutual understandings of one another, Metro Council established through Ordinance No. 017, Series 2022, a permanent Juneteenth Jubilee Commission; and

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WHEREAS, by Mayoral Executi	ve Order 2020-009, dated June 19	, 2020, June 19 was
declared a permanent holiday for Louis	sville Metro employees, with all bene	fits received by Metro
employees under the observance of holic	days.	
. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT (LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY ME	ORDAINED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ETRO GOVERNMENT AS FOLLOWS	
SECTION I: A new section of Ch	apter 39 of the Louisville Metro Cod	e of Ordinances shall
provide as follows:		
June 19 each year shall be observe	ed as "Juneteenth National Freedom I	Day." Notwithstanding
LMCO 35.001, June 19 shall be a paid he	oliday for Louisville Metro employees.	
SECTION II: This Ordinance shall	I take effect upon its passage and	approval or otherwise
becoming law.		
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Sonya Harward Metro Council Clerk	James President of the Council	
Greg Fischer Mayor	Approval Date	
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL	_ITY:	
Michael J. O'Connell		

Jefferson County Attorney

By: _____

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