

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 195

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SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes June 19, 2023, as Juneteenth Day in Opelousas

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize June 19, 2023, as Juneteenth Day in Opelousas.

3 WHEREAS, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the  
4 Emancipation Proclamation, which declared "that all persons held as slaves" within the  
5 Confederacy "are, and henceforth shall be free"; and

6 WHEREAS, news of this development traveled slowly after President Lincoln issued  
7 the Emancipation Proclamation; and

8 WHEREAS, indeed, the belated news relative to the Emancipation Proclamation did  
9 not arrive to the Confederacy until June 19, 1865; and

10 WHEREAS, subsequently, June 19th became known as "Juneteenth" and has been  
11 celebrated annually ever since; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rebecca Henry has organized the celebration of Juneteenth for the  
13 past thirty-nine years; and

14 WHEREAS, in our own time, it is imperative to promote the positive aspects of  
15 African American culture, especially when that culture is too often associated with problems  
16 such as drugs, crime, poverty, and violence; and

17 WHEREAS, the city of Opelousas will do its part to promote such positive aspects  
18 when it sponsors the celebration of Juneteenth, 2023; and

19 WHEREAS, in Opelousas, Juneteenth will be celebrated at the Opelousas Farmer's  
20 Market on Saturday, June 17, 2023; and

1           WHEREAS, the people of the city of Opelousas are united in their support of this  
2 promotion of African American history, culture, self-esteem, and pride.

3           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize June 19, 2023, as Juneteenth Day in the city  
5 of Opelousas and does hereby commend the citizens of Opelousas for their celebration and  
6 commemoration of African American history and culture.

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DIGEST

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