

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-10**  
**A RESOLUTION OF SWISSVALE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**RECOGNIZING JUNETEENTH AS AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION IN THE**  
**BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATE**  
**EVENTS TO COMMEMORATE THE OCCASION**

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, is the oldest known commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth originated with the arrival of General Gordon Granger and thousands of federal troops in Texas and his Order of June 19, 1865 freeing the last slaves in our country; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth has taken on an increased contemporary significance as a symbol of the renewed movement for racial justice in our society; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Juneteenth reflects the history of Swissvale, in particular, its founding by Jane Grey Swisshelm, a life-long opponent of slavery and advocate for equal rights; and

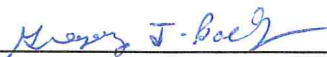
WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Swissvale wishes to recognize June 19, Juneteenth, as an annual day of celebration in the Borough and to promote a deeper understanding of its meaning through appropriate events.

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT:

1. Swissvale Borough Council hereby recognizes June 19, Juneteenth, of each year as a day of celebration and commemoration in the Borough of Swissvale.
2. The Borough Council authorizes and designates its Committee on Diversity, Inclusion and Equity to plan and publicize appropriate events to commemorate this important occasion.

RESOLVED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:

  
Secretary

BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE

  
Council President