

RESOLUTION #2021 - 63

**RESOLUTION OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY RECOGNIZING JUNE 19TH AS A
HOLIDAY IN OBSERVANCE OF THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF
JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY**

WHEREAS, the Mantua Township Municipal Utilities Authority (“MTMUA”), has its principal place of business at 401 Main Street, Mantua, New Jersey 08051; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of MTMUA is the provisioning of water and sewer services to the residents of Mantua Township; and

WHEREAS, the MTMUA wishes to recognize June 19th as a holiday in observance of the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day ; and

WHEREAS, news of the end of slavery did not reach frontier areas of the United States, and in particular the Southwestern States, for more than 2 ½ years after President Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation, which was issued on January 1, 1863, and months after the conclusion of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War had ended and that the enslaved were free; and

WHEREAS, African Americans who had been slaves in the Southwest celebrated June 19th, commonly known as “Juneteenth Independence Day”, as the anniversary of their emancipation; and

WHEREAS, African Americans from the Southwest continue the tradition of celebrating Juneteenth Independence Day as inspiration and encouragement for future generations; and

WHEREAS, for more than 150 years, Juneteenth Independence Day celebrations have been held to honor African-American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures; and

WHEREAS, the faith and strength of character demonstrated by former slaves remain an example for all people of the United States, regardless of background, religion, or race:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mantua Township Municipal Utilities Authority:

(A) recognizes the national and historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day;

(B) supports the continued celebration of Juneteenth Independence Day to provide an opportunity for the people of the United States to learn more about the past and to better understand the experiences that have shaped the Nation; and

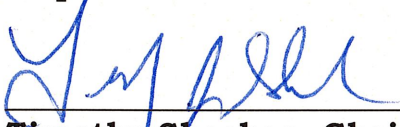
(C) encourages the people of the United States to observe Juneteenth Independence Day with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs; and

(D) the celebration of the end of slavery is an important and enriching part of the history and heritage of the United States; and

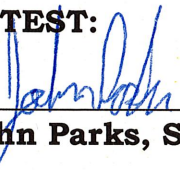
(E) an understanding of history should be regarded as a mechanism for considering the past and solving the challenges of the future.

DULY ADOPTED at the Meeting of the Mantua Township Municipal Utilities Authority held on December 21, 2021.

**The Mantua Township
Municipal Utilities Authority**

By: 
Timothy Sheehan, Chairman

ATTEST:


John Parks, Secretary

Governing Body	Recorded Vote	Resolution 2021-63; Juneteenth			
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	
Timothy Sheehan, Chairman	✓				
Mario Dilisciandro, Vice Chair	✓				
John Parks, Secretary	✓				
Daniel Hauss, Treasurer	✓				
Victor Torino, Commissioner				✓	
Howard Bruner, Alternate #1				✓	
Vacant, Alternate #2					