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# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

August 27, 2020

The Honorable Todd M. Turner  
Council Chair  
Prince George's County Council  
County Administration Building  
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Council Chair Turner:

Enclosed for the County Council's consideration is legislation to add June 19<sup>th</sup> as Juneteenth Day, a new, regular holiday to be established in Prince George's County. Juneteenth Day recognizes the end of slavery and celebrates the history, culture and accomplishments of African Americans in the County and across the nation. On June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger issued General Order Number 3, declaring that, in accordance with the Emancipation Proclamation, all enslaved people were free with an "absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and those enslaved" and Juneteenth, or June 19<sup>th</sup>, is celebrated each year as the date when the last enslaved people in the United States were freed, and commemorates the spontaneous celebration that erupted among African Americans upon learning of their freedom.

The Council's favorable consideration of this legislation is greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact my office or Shawn Stokes, Director of Human Resources Management, at (301) 883-6344 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
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Enclosures