

State of Misconsin 2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 39

June 10, 2013 – Introduced by Senators L. TAYLOR, HARRIS, CARPENTER, C. LARSON, ERPENBACH, LEHMAN, WIRCH, VINEHOUT and HANSEN, cosponsored by Representatives BARNES, YOUNG, JOHNSON, ZAMARRIPA, PASCH, GOYKE, KESSLER, ZEPNICK, C. TAYLOR, GENRICH, KAHL, MILROY, HINTZ, BERNARD SCHABER, HESSELBEIN, JORGENSEN, MASON, SARGENT, KOLSTE, SHANKLAND and DANOU. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

| 1 | Relating to: recognizing June 19, 2013, as Juneteenth Day. |
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| 2 | Whereas, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation |
| 3 | on January 1, 1863, proclaiming all individuals enslaved in Confederate territory to |
| 4 | be forever free, and ordered the Army and all parts of the executive branch to treat |
| 5 | as free all those enslaved; and |
| 6 | Whereas, more than two years later, on June 19, 1865, in Galveston, Texas, the |
| 7 | U.S. Army, led by Major General Gordon Granger, announced the abolition of slavery |
| 8 | to those still trapped in darkness, unshackling the last remaining enslaved African |
| 9 | Americans from the grip of slavery; and |
| 10 | Whereas, Juneteenth Day is the oldest commemoration of the abolition of |
| 11 | slavery throughout the nation, long celebrated in the city of Milwaukee and codified |
| 12 | in 2009 by the state of Wisconsin as an official legal holiday; and |
| 13 | Whereas, Juneteenth Day is a time of remembrance, reflection, and celebration |
| 14 | across the state and the nation, a day to honor the elimination of slavery and to |
| 15 | celebrate the proclamation of freedom: now, therefore, be it |

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Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature of the state of Wisconsin recognizes the nineteenth day of June, 2013, as "Juneteenth Day," expresses reverence to those communities that overcame oppression and hardship to achieve equal civil rights, and honors their contributions to the state of Wisconsin and their fellow citizens.

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