



**WHEREAS**, the Youth Mayor and Youth City Council of the City of Sugar Hill, join the Mayor and City Council, management staff and employees, in being saddened by the tragic events that have recently occurred across the country; and agree with their condemning racism resolution made on June 8, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Sugar Hill is a highly diverse community and it is this diversity that makes it such a desirable place to live, work, shop, play, worship, and get an education; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, is a day that celebrates the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in the United States, and in 2011, Georgia became the 37th state to officially recognize Juneteenth; and

**WHEREAS**, Sugar Hill citizens, young and old alike, gathered peacefully on Friday, June 19th in celebration of the end of slavery, anywhere it exists, reaffirming that people of all races, ethnicities, cultures, and faiths contribute to Sugar Hill's strength and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the community, some city staff, and community businesses participate in Juneteenth celebrations, helping raise the stature and awareness of the significance of the day; and

**WHEREAS**, cities across the US are adding Juneteenth to their list of holidays, as a move to help recognize the significance and importance of this day to America's history; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sugar Hill Youth Council adopted a resolution supporting the recognition of Juneteenth as an official city holiday on Monday, July 6, 2020, and urge the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sugar Hill to join the Youth Council to adopt a joint resolution recognizing Juneteenth as an official holiday.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sugar Hill join with the members of the Sugar Hill Youth Council to officially recognize Juneteenth (June 19) as an official city holiday as a way to raise awareness and pay tribute to this important time in our collective history.

**ADOPTED** this 13th day of July, 2020 at the City of Sugar Hill, Georgia.



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Youth Mayor, Khushi Mehta

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Steve Edwards, Mayor

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Youth Mayor Pro Tem, Lexi Ducote

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Susie Gajewski, Mayor Pro-Tem

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Youth Secretary, Daniel Park

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Youth Council, Bhaumi Shah

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Brandon Hembree, Council Member

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Youth Council, Avery Tam

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Taylor Anderson, Council Member

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Youth Council, Bailey Coleman

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Marc Cohen, Council Member

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Youth Council, Harshika Mehta

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Youth Council, Milen Patel