



City of Detroit

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MEMORANDUM

TO: David Whitaker, Director, Legislative Policy Division
Anthony Zander, Director, Civil Rights, Inclusion & Opportunity Department
Denise Starr, Director, City of Detroit Human Resources

FROM: Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council

DATE: May 24, 2024

RE: Memo Request for Opinion & Process for Recognizing Juneteenth

At formal session on Tuesday, May 21st, a public commenter urged the Council to commemorate Juneteenth by raising the Juneteenth Flag at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center every June 19th. As Detroit is a majority Black city, recognizing and honoring Juneteenth in an official capacity is particularly significant.

I am requesting that the Legislative Policy Division, CRIO Department, and HR Department provide their opinions on the feasibility of this, and outline the process for establishing it. If this is not possible, please explore alternative ideas for how the City can officially commemorate Juneteenth.

Please contact Yvonne Ragland from my office at yvonne.ragland@detroitmi.gov if you have any questions.

Cc: Honorable Colleagues
City Clerk