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WHEREAS, the first enslaved Africans were brought as captives to what is now the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1619; and

WHEREAS, Black people were bought and sold as slave labor for 250 years and suffered unspeakable acts of violence; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln first issued the Emancipation Proclamation effective January 1, 1863, freeing the enslaved people in the South. However, southern slave owners ignored that order. On June 19, 1865, Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas and enforced the president's order, freeing the enslaved two and a half years after it was first decreed. This day has since come to be known as Juneteenth; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes the history of racism in our country and how it has led to the continuation of systemic racism; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, President Biden signed legislation that made Juneteenth a federal holiday.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL AND MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND, do hereby recognize Sunday, June 19, 2022 as Juneteenth to acknowledge the historical significance of the day, and elevate and celebrate African American history and contributions.

Dated this 11th day of July, 2022.

Dia Costello, Mayor