



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY COUNCIL FOR  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY  
ORDINANCE NO. 772

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND  
RECOGNIZE JUNETEENTH AS A PUBLIC  
HOLIDAY AND SPECIAL DAY FOR FAIRFIELD  
COUNTY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 9 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, Fairfield County, South Carolina ("County"), acting by and through its County Council, ("County Council"), is authorized to enact ordinances, not inconsistent with the Constitution and general law of the State of South Carolina, enter into contracts, to acquire interests in real property, grant occupancy rights in real property, lease real property and transfer real property owned by the County;

WHEREAS, S.C. Code of Laws Ann. § 53-5-10, enumerates the legal holidays of the State of South Carolina and Title 53, Chapter 3 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 sets forth special days recognized in the State of South Carolina;

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code of Laws Ann. § 53-8-85, the nineteenth day of June of each year is designated "Juneteenth Celebration of Freedom Day" to commemorate and reflect on the freedom of African Americans and their contributions to the State of South Carolina and the nation;

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden signed Bill No. S. 475 Juneteenth National Independence Day Act," to amend Title 5 of the United States Code, to designate Juneteenth National Independence Day as a legal public holiday and national day of recognition to commemorate emancipation;

WHEREAS, Fairfield County wishes to recognize June 19th as a special day to commemorate the freedom of African Americans and designate Juneteenth National Independence Day, June 19, as a public holiday for the County of Fairfield, South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL ...that Juneteenth, June 19, is declared a public holiday and special day in Fairfield County, as follows:

**Section 1. *Juneteenth Special Day and Public Holiday***

- (a) Juneteenth, June 19th of each year, is a public holiday for all County officers and employees, except for those officers or employees for emergency and necessary operations;

- (b) All County offices, departments, and agencies will be closed on Juneteenth;
- (c) Should June 19th fall on a Saturday, the preceding Friday will be observed as the holiday; if it falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed as the holiday;
- (d) The Juneteenth holiday will be observed beginning June 19, 2022.

**Section 2. Effective Date:** This Ordinance shall be in effect after the third reading.

**ADOPTED BY FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July, 2021**

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL**

By: Moses W Bell  
Moses W. Bell, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

Brad Caulder  
Signature

Brad Caulder  
Name (Print)

**READINGS:**

First Reading: 6/28/2021  
Second Reading: 7/12/2021  
Public Hearing: N/A  
Third Reading: 7/26/2021