

2019 RES-071

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH IN DANE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a historical event that provides an opportunity to highlight the contributions of African Americans to the United States; it is also an opportunity to unite the community in a positive celebration of culture through dance, music, storytelling, drama, and other visual presentations; and

WHEREAS Juneteenth is one of the only events that is totally dedicated to the African American experience locally and across the nation; Black America influences 90-100% of mainstream American culture including music, movies, literature, language, fashion, and finance to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a celebration that highlights the adversity, intellect, talents, skills, and contributions of the African American community; and

WHEREAS, Annie Weatherby-Flowers founded Madison's Juneteenth festival 30 years ago and since then the festival has grown in size, time, and influence in the community; and there are countless hours of planning, organization, community-building, and thought put into this celebration every year; and

WHEREAS, Annie's vision, leadership, and passion for making the event a success should be embraced and celebrated by all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of Juneteenth in Dane County and further recognizes the contributions of all who make the annual celebration a success.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Annie Weatherby-Flowers in recognition of her 30 years of leadership and commitment to the celebration of Juneteenth in Dane County.