

**CITY OF ELSMERE, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE NO. 1823-2023**

**AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE NINETEENTH DAY OF JUNE AS A HOLIDAY
IN THE CITY OF ELSMERE, KENTUCKY**

WHEREAS, the Juneteenth holiday celebrates the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in the United States; and

WHEREAS, for more than one hundred thirty-seven (137) years, “Juneteenth National Freedom Day” continues to be the most recognized African American Holiday observance and is also known as “Emancipation Day,” “Emancipation Celebration”, “Freedom Day”, “Jun-Jun”, “Juneteenth Independence Day”, and “Juneteenth.”

WHEREAS, “Juneteenth National Freedom Day” commemorates the survival, due to the God given strength and determination of African Americans through extreme adversity, hardship and triumph; and

WHEREAS, all Americans of all colors, creeds, cultures, religions, and countries of origin, share in a common love of and respect for freedom, as well as the determination to protect their right to freedom through the democratic institutions by which the tenants of freedom are guaranteed and protected.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELSMERE, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I

That the City of Elsmere, Kentucky joins in other cities throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky in celebrating the 19th day of June, each and every year as ***“NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY”***.

SECTION II

It is hereby further ***ORDAINED*** that the entire month of June will include the raising and flying of the Juneteenth Flag at the Elsmere City Building and Billy Bradford Park.

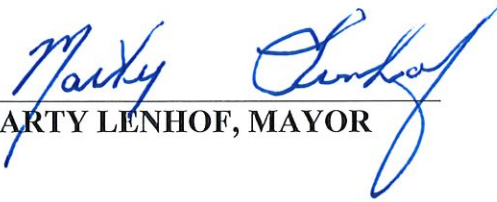
SECTION III

This Ordinance shall be effective when read, passed, and published according to Law.

SECTION IV

Publication of this Ordinance adopted herein hereby making this Ordinance effective is directed to be by summary publication in accordance with Kentucky Law.

CITY OF ELSMERE, KENTUCKY
A Municipal Corporation of the Home Rule Class



D. MARTY LENHOF, MAYOR

1st Reading: April 11, 2023

2nd Reading: May 9, 2023

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain:

Published: _____

ATTEST:



Misty Ezell, City Clerk