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**PROCLAMATION**

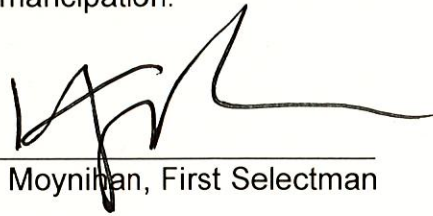
WHEREAS: We celebrate the day in history that the Union troops arrived in Galveston Texas and informed the enslaved African Americans that they were free and that the Civil War was finally won; and

WHEREAS: On June 19, 1865, Union Major General Gordon Granger's announcement put into widespread effect the Emancipation Proclamation which was previously issued two years prior by Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS: We recognize that the struggle for true racial equality in the United States is far from over and not just a historical event but a modern day reality that must be addressed: and

WHEREAS: Juneteenth commemorates the end of enslavement and is an important reminder of the past and a new opportunity to reflect on our present and to look to the future for racial justice and equality

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kevin J. Moynihan, along with the authority vested in me as the First Selectman of the Town of New Canaan do hereby recognize and proclaim Monday, Juneteenth 2023 as a day of observance to celebrate this Independence, Freedom and Emancipation.



Kevin J. Moynihan, First Selectman

