EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR
OF THE
CITY OF JERSEY CITY

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is an American holiday celebrated annually on June 19; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the day when General Gordon Granger read federal orders in Texas freeing all previously enslaved people and marking the end of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, today, Juneteenth is often observed and celebrated with local celebrations and is recognized as a state holiday or special day of observance in 47 of the 50 states; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by law as Mayor of the City of Jersey City, I hereby issue this Executive Order:

1. Beginning June 19, 2020, Juneteenth is hereby designated a holiday in the City of Jersey City, to be observed on June 19 or the next business day thereafter. The community is encouraged to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.
2. All City offices and non-emergency services shall be closed in observation of the Juneteenth holiday.

If any provision of this Executive Order, or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstances, shall be held invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Executive Order to the extent it can be given effect, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby, and to this extent the provision of this Executive Order are severable.

The Executive Order shall be kept on file in the Offices of the City Clerk and Business Administrator. It will be made available to the public upon request.

By,

[Signature]

STEVEN M. FULOP
MAYOR

June 17, 2020