



TOWN OF STRATFORD
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****MEDIA ADVISORY****

STRATFORD TO RECOGNIZE JUNETEENTH AT TOWN HALL CEREMONY
Date signifies the celebration of the end of slavery in U.S.

STRATFORD – Mayor Laura Hoydick will join local officials to recognize Juneteenth, the celebration of the end of slavery in the United States, at a ceremony on the steps at Town Hall on **Friday, June 19th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

Juneteenth, alternatively known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, and Cel-Liberation Day, recognizes nation-wide the June 19, 1865 date that Union General Gordon Granger read federal orders in Galveston, TX, that all previously enslaved people in Texas – the most remote part of the former Confederacy- were free.

The event will feature 4th District Stratford Town Council member David Harden, who was selected as Stratford's Parade Marshal for the Greater Fairfield Juneteenth Parade and Festival which was planned to take place at Seaside Park in Bridgeport June 16th until it was cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

All residents are invited to attend this event while maintaining recommended social distancing protocols in consideration of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

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