

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-50

MEMORIALIZING THE OCCASION OF THE AUTHORITY ADOPTING AND
OBSERVING THE JUNETEENTH NATIONAL HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as, National Independence Day, and/or Jubilee Day, celebrated June 19th, commemorates that date in 1865 when Union Troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, more than two months after the end of the Civil War and more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that slavery had been abolished in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2021, following overwhelming approval in both the United States Senate and House of Representatives, President Joseph R. Biden declared Juneteenth a national holiday in the United States, making it the first new federal holiday since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was designated in 1983; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2021, Governor Michael DeWine declared Juneteenth to be a recognized holiday in the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority desires to continue its commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion by recognizing Juneteenth as an official holiday for our workforce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees and management of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("GCRTA") hereby recognize Juneteenth as an official holiday. The Board of Trustees hereby designates June 19th as a paid holiday effective June 19, 2022 for all non-bargaining and bargaining, regular full-time employees, as negotiated with our unions.

Section 2. That the GCRTA Board of Trustees and management express their commitment to the high ideals of diversity, equity, and inclusion, as well as to equality and justice, and join with federal and state governments in commemorating the centuries of struggle, courage, and hope reflected in the Juneteenth holiday.

Section 3. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: May 24, 2022



President

Attest: 

Secretary-Treasurer