

Senate Resolution 402

By: Senators McLaurin of the 14th, Jackson of the 41st, James of the 28th, Mangham of the 55th, Merritt of the 9th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Juneteenth Federation and the first Juneteenth celebration in Sandy Springs;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans and
4 serves as a powerful reminder of our nation's progress toward justice and equality; and

5 WHEREAS, the Juneteenth Federation, in partnership with the Atlanta NAACP, North
6 Fulton NAACP, Georgia NAACP, and Dreamz Always Came True, worked diligently to
7 bring the first official Juneteenth celebration to City Green in Sandy Springs in 2021,
8 ensuring that this momentous occasion was marked with dignity, education, and cultural
9 enrichment; and

10 WHEREAS, the organizers of the Juneteenth event, inspired by recollections of their
11 grandparents' struggles against segregation and their fight for equality, sought to make
12 Juneteenth a city-recognized and city-funded holiday, ensuring its continuation for
13 generations to come; and

14 WHEREAS, the organizers of the Juneteenth celebration aimed to showcase the city's
15 growing diversity and make Juneteenth an annual tradition treasured by Sandy Springs

16 residents of all races and cultures, ensuring that Black residents were central to the
17 commemoration of this historic event; and

18 WHEREAS, the Juneteenth Federation has extended its mission beyond celebration by
19 engaging in impactful mentorship programs at local schools, thereby uplifting the next
20 generation through education and empowerment; and

21 WHEREAS, the success of this initiative has been made possible by the dedicated members
22 of the Juneteenth Federation committee and partnering organizations who have committed
23 their time, resources, and passion to preserving and honoring the legacy of those who fought
24 for freedom and equality.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize and honor the Juneteenth Federation, the Atlanta NAACP, and all involved
27 organizers for their outstanding contributions to the City of Sandy Springs and the State of
28 Georgia in preserving and celebrating the history of Juneteenth.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
31 press.