

RESOLUTION E08-21

RECOGNITION OF JUNETEENTH AS A UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the end of slavery in the U.S. and is a day of reflection of the accomplishments, inventions, triumphs and contributions of African Americans in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, June 19 is recognized as a federal and state holiday; and

WHEREAS, Shawnee State holds diversity, equity, and inclusion as core values on its campus;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees that Shawnee State University establishes Juneteenth as a University holiday beginning in calendar year 2021 and annually thereafter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Juneteenth will be celebrated by providing SSU employees with a paid vacation day annually on June 19 (or the Friday or Monday before or after if Juneteenth falls on a weekend).

(June 25, 2021)