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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the designation of a "Juneteenth National
2 Freedom Day".

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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STATE GOVERNMENT

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 1C.12 JUNETEENTH NATIONAL
2 FREEDOM DAY.

3 The governor of this state is hereby authorized and
4 requested to issue annually a proclamation designating the
5 third Saturday in June as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day"
6 and to encourage all governmental bodies in the state to
7 observe the day in a manner that emphasizes the meaning and
8 importance of the Emancipation Proclamation, which ended
9 slavery in the United States, and to recognize that the oldest
10 known celebration of the end of slavery occurred on or about
11 that date.

12 EXPLANATION

13 This bill authorizes and requests the governor to issue
14 annually a proclamation designating the third Saturday in June
15 as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day". The proclamation is
16 also intended to encourage all governmental bodies in the
17 state to observe the day in a manner that emphasizes the
18 meaning and importance of the Emancipation Proclamation, which
19 ended slavery in the United States, and to recognize that the
20 oldest known celebration of the end of slavery occurred on or
21 about that date.

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