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#### **Girl Scout Awards**

By Rep. Joe Emrick

BANGOR - This past weekend, I attended a Girl Scout award ceremony. Six Girl Scouts and three adult leaders from Girl Scout Troop 81107 received the 2021 President's award. This award is given for outstanding community service hours and effort.

From the district, four young women and two adults received awards in recognition of their hard work.

Daniela Williams received a teen bronze award for 56 hours of service, Jenna Thomas received a teen bronze award for 53.5 hours of service, Molly Neidig received a young adult bronze award for 112.5 hours of service and Sophie Werkheiser received the teen gold award for 102 hours of service. Two adult leaders from the district also received recognition for their community service. Jacqueline Lee-Werkheiser received an adult silver award for 309.5 hours of service and Jaimy Thomas received the adult bronze award for 216.5 hours of service.

Juneteenth

National

**FREEDOM Day** 

Congratulations to each of these scouts and leaders on their hard work!

### **Observing Juneteenth**

By Rep. Joe Emrick

BANGOR - This Sunday, June 19, is Juneteenth National Freedom Day. Considered the longest-running African American holiday, Juneteenth marks June 19, 1865, when union soldiers reached Galveston, Texas – the furthest point in the south – with news of the end of the Civil War, which had occurred two months earlier with the surrender of Confederate General Robert E. Lee in Virginia.

The troops arrival also came two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing all slaves and ending slavery in the United States. Learn more about the history of Juneteenth here.

In observance of this, my district offices in Bangor and Nazareth will be closed on Friday, June 17.



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