



Proclamation

Juneteenth Day

Whereas, Juneteenth, or Juneteenth Independence Day, commemorates the traditional observance of the end of slavery in the United States and is observed annually on June 19; and

Whereas, President Abraham Lincoln declared that "in giving freedom to the slave, we assure freedom to the free - honorable alike in what we give, and what we preserve. We shall nobly save, or meanly lose, the last best hope of earth;" and

Whereas, on January 1, 1863, President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that "all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free;" and

Whereas, more than two years would pass before the news reached African Americans living in Texas, when on June 19, 1865, Union Major General Gordon Granger and his regiment arrived in Galveston and spread the word that slavery had been abolished; and

Whereas, the following year, the first official Juneteenth celebrations took place in Texas and have continued across the United States throughout the years; and

Whereas, Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery; and

Whereas, Juneteenth is an important opportunity to honor the principles of the Declaration of Independence and celebrate the achievements and contributions African Americans have made, and continue to make, in California and across our Nation.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the City Council of the City of Tulare, does hereby proclaim **June 19, 2022** as **Juneteenth Day** in the City of Tulare and encourages its citizenry to reflect and celebrate this very important date in our nation's history.


Presented this 18th day of June, 2022


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