PROCLAMATION
City of West Linn, Oregon

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, formally abolishing slavery in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, word about the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was delayed some two and one half years, to June 19, 1865, in reaching authorities and African Americans in the South and Southwestern United States; and

WHEREAS, Emancipation Day observations are held on different days in different states in the South and Southwest, and in other parts of the nation; and

WHEREAS, June 19th is "JUNETEENTH", combining the words June and Nineteenth, and has been celebrated as one of the oldest known commemorations of the ending of slavery in the United States, and also focuses on promoting and cultivating knowledge and appreciation of African American history and culture; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, the United States Congress passed Senate Joint Resolution 11 and House Resolution 56, officially recognizing Juneteenth Independence Day; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Linn will observe June 19th each year as part of our commitment to anti-racism and social justice, encouraging a day of recognition, reflection, education, and celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN, to recognize June 19th as:

JUNETEENTH

in West Linn, and to encourage all community members to join in this observance.

DATED THIS 2ND DAY OF JUNE 2025

MAYOR RORY BIALOSTOSKY

ATTEST:

KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER

WEST LINN, OREGON
INCORPORATED AUGUST 15, 1913