

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring the slaves in Confederate territory free, paving the way for the passing of the 13th Amendment which formally abolished 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 United States, and in other parts of the nation; and

Whereas, June 19th has a special meaning to African-Americans, and is called "JUNETEENTH" combining the words June and Nineteenth, and has been celebrated for over 150 years; and

Whereas, Juneteenth centered activities have taken place to promote and cultivate knowledge and appreciation of African American history and culture; and

Whereas, Juneteenth is a day of reflection, and a day of renewal. It is a moment in time to appreciate not only the African American experience, it is inclusive of all races, ethnicities and nationalities; and

Whereas, Juneteenth is a day that we can come together as a community to listen, to learn, to refresh the drive to achieve; it is a day where we can come one step closer together to better utilize the energy wasted on racism.

Now, Therefore, I, Denyse C. McGriff, Commission President of the City of Oregon City, do proclaim

June 19, 2022

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JUNETEENTH Day in Oregon City

And, Urge all citizens to become more aware of the significance of this celebration in African-American History and in the heritage of our nation and City.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of June 2022.


DENYSE C. MCGRIFF
COMMISSION PRESIDENT