

~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, Whereas, on June 19, 1865 in Galveston, Texas—over two years after President Abraham Lincoln declared the Emancipation Proclamation—Major General Gordon Granger and Union Army troops enforced the Emancipation Proclamation and freed the last enslaved Black Americans in Texas; and

WHEREAS, this long overdue emancipation was celebrated on June 19 – “Juneteenth.” This year marks the 160th year of Juneteenth, the oldest known celebration commemorating the abolishment of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Juneteenth was officially recognized as a holiday in Clark County and at the federal level, with Washington joining in recognition of Juneteenth as a state holiday in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is an opportunity to celebrate human freedom, reflect on the damaging legacy of slavery, and rededicate ourselves to rooting out systemic racism and striving to deliver the full promise of freedom and equality for all Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Clark County Council, do hereby proclaim the week of June 19, 2025, as

~ Juneteenth ~

in Clark County, Washington, and asks all residents to reflect on and embody the United States’ commitment to liberty for all its citizens.

Signed this 17th day of June 2025



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