



# Proclamation

## Juneteenth Celebration Day

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the abolition of slavery in the United States and the emancipation of African American slaves throughout the Confederate South; and

**WHEREAS**, Union soldiers landed at Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865 with news that the war had ended and the enslaved were now free, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued on January 1, 1863; and

**WHEREAS**, Until that day, slavery had been relatively unaffected in Texas by the Emancipation Proclamation, and Texas had even been viewed as a safe haven for slave owners to relocate with their slaves because the state experienced no large-scale fighting or significant presence of Union troops; and

**WHEREAS**, On that first Juneteenth, a name that combines June and 19th, the people of Texas were read General Order Number 3, which stated: "The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer," and

**WHEREAS**, in cities across our nation, people of all races, nationalities, and religions are joining hands to acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Gregory Mills, Mayor of the City of Brighton, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> as Juneteenth Celebration Day and encourage all residents to join in commemoration and celebration of this historic event.

**DATED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.



**ATTEST:**

  
Natalie Hoel, City Clerk

**CITY OF BRIGHTON**



Gregory Mills, Mayor  
Adam Cushing, Mayor Pro Tem  
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