



Proclamation



WHEREAS, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, setting in motion the end of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Civil War ended with the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865; and

WHEREAS, this news reached Texas when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston Bay with Union troops. It was on June 19, 1865, that he announced: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free." and

WHEREAS, celebration of the end of slavery, which became known as Juneteenth, is the oldest known public celebration of the end of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and celebrates the successes gained through education and greater opportunity; and

WHEREAS, on a larger scale, celebration of Juneteenth reminds each of us of the precious promises of freedom, equality, and opportunity which are at the core of the American Dream.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Ron Morrison, Mayor by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City of National City, affix the official seal and do hereby on behalf of the City Council, proclaim June 19, 2023 as:

JUNETEENTH DAY

As the Mayor of the City of National City, I call upon all citizens of National City to take a moment to join in this celebration.

Ron Morrison

Proud to be Mayor of National City

