

Proclamation

Issued by Council

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation was issued January 1, 1863 but news of the end of slavery did not reach the frontier areas of the United States for over two and a half years; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War had ended and the enslaved were free; and

WHEREAS, African Americans who had been slaves in the Southwest celebrated June 19, commonly known as "Juneteenth Independence Day;" and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a day of profound weight and power. A day in which we remember the moral stain and terrible toll of slavery on our country; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a day that also reminds us of our incredible capacity to heal, hope, and emerge from our darkest moments with purpose and resolve; and

WHEREAS, on Juneteenth, we recommit ourselves to the work of equity, equality, and justice. And, we celebrate the centuries of struggle, courage, and hope that have brought us to this time of progress and possibility; and

WHEREAS, the work that has been done throughout our history by abolitionists, educators, civil rights advocates, public officials, and everyday Americans have helped make real the ideals and principles of our Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth marks both the long, hard night of slavery and discrimination, and the promise of a brighter future; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth will be marked in Rocklin with a special event on Saturday, June 18.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rocklin City Council does hereby encourage all residents to mark and celebrate Juneteenth this month as we build a community of real and lasting justice and equality.

Mayor _____

Vice Mayor _____

Councilmember _____

Councilmember _____

Councilmember _____

Dated: June 14, 2022

ATTEST:

Hope Ithurburn, City Clerk