## IN RECOGNITION OF JUNETEENTH

**JUNE 19, 2024** 

WHEREAS,

JUNETEENTH IS A DAY OF PROFOUND SIGNIFICANCE IN AMERICAN HISTORY, MARKING THE
END OF SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES. WE OBSERVE THIS DAY WITH REFLECTION,
EDUCATION, AND CELEBRATION TO HONOR THE STRUGGLES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF
AFRICAN AMERICANS; 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 THAT ALL ENSLAVED INDIVIDUALS WERE NOW FREE; AND

WHEREAS,
THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, MADE MORE THAN TWO YEARS AFTER THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION HAD BEEN ISSUED BY PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN, REPRESENTED A BELATED YET MONUMENTAL REALIZATION OF FREEDOM FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE FURTHEST REACHES OF THE CONFEDERACY; AND

WHEREAS, JUNETEENTH SERVES AS A POWERFUL REMINDER OF THE RESILIENCE, COURAGE, AND PERSEVERANCE OF AFRICAN AMERICANS THROUGHOUT HISTORY IN THEIR FIGHT FOR FREEDOM, EQUALITY, AND JUSTICE; AND

WHEREAS,
AS A NATION, WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF ACKNOWLEDGING AND CONFRONTING THE PAINFUL CHAPTERS OF OUR HISTORY, INCLUDING THE ENDURING LEGACY OF SLAVERY AND ITS LASTING IMPACT ON OUR SOCIETY. BY COMMEMORATING JUNETEENTH, WE REAFFIRM OUR DEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION, AND COMMIT OURSELVES TO BUILDING A MORE JUST AND EQUITABLE FUTURE FOR ALL AMERICANS; AND

IN CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH 2024, PLEASE JOIN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD FOR A FUN DAY AT ARTSPARK ON FRIDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> FROM 6:00PM – 10:00PM, AS WELL AS AN EVENING THAT WILL FEATURE LOCAL ARTISTS PERFORMING FROM 6:00PM-7:30PM FOLLOWED BY THE REACTION BAND WITH JIMMY "BO" HORNE. IN ADDITION, ON JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>, THE JUNETEENTH SOUTH BROWARD ORGANIZATION IS HOSTING THEIR 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL HOLIDAY PARADE BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M. TRAVELING THROUGHOUT THE WASHINGTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD. ALSO, ON JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>, ATTUCKS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC. IS CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH BY SPONSORING A COMEDY NIGHT AT THE HISTORIC ATTUCKS AUDITORIUM FEATURING TOMMY DAVIDSON; NOW

**THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 19, 2024, AS:

## **IUNETEENTH**

IN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA.

SIGNED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2024 AT HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR LINDA HILL ANDERSON
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER ADAM GRUBER
COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN
COMMISSIONER IDELMA QUINTANA