

# IN RECOGNITION OF JUNETEENTH DAY

**JUNE 19, 2020**

**WHEREAS,** JUNETEENTH IS THE OLDEST NATIONALLY-CELEBRATED COMMEMORATION OF THE END OF SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES. THE ORIGIN OF JUNETEENTH BEGAN IN 1865 ON JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> IN GALVESTON, TEXAS, AND PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE DAY UNION ARMY MAJOR GENERAL GORDON GRANGER AND 2,000 FEDERAL TROOPS ARRIVED IN GALVESTON WITH NEWS THAT THE WAR HAD ENDED AND THAT THE ENSLAVED WERE NOW FREE; AND

**WHEREAS,** JUNETEENTH IS ALSO KNOWN AS AFRICAN-AMERICAN EMANCIPATION DAY AND IS CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND BEYOND. IT IS A TIME FOR REFLECTION, REJOICING, ASSESSMENT, SELF-DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE, WHILE ENCOURAGING RESPECT FOR ALL CULTURES; AND

**WHEREAS,** JUNETEENTH IS ENJOYING A PHENOMENAL GROWTH WITHIN COMMUNITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE SMITHSONIAN, THE HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND OTHERS HAVE BEGUN SPONSORING JUNETEENTH-CENTERED ACTIVITIES. THE CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH UNITES PEOPLE OF ALL RACES, RELIGIONS, AND CREEDS THROUGH UNITY AND UNDERSTANDING WHILE PROMOTING AND CULTIVATING THE KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE; NOW

**THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 19, 2020, AS JUNETEENTH DAY.

SIGNED THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
JUNE 2020 AT  
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

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MAYOR JOSH LEVY  
VICE MAYOR KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN  
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