



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

Acknowledging Juneteenth

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States;

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

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, two and a half years after the passage of the Emancipation Proclamation, Union General Gordon Granger and his troops rode to Galveston, Texas, and enforced the end of slavery;

WHEREAS, June 19th has a special meaning to African-Americans, and is called "JUNETEENTH" combining the words June and Nineteenth, and has been celebrated by the African-American community for over 150 years;

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

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jennifer Gregerson, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2020 as Juneteenth Day in the City of Mukilteo, and I urge all residents to join me in celebrating the victory of ending slavery in America and the efforts that continue to be made to support and heal the black and African American community.



Signed this 16th day of June, 2020


Jennifer Gregerson
Mayor