



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

Juneteenth

WHEREAS, on September 22, 1862, U.S. President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, taking effect on January 1, 1863;

WHEREAS, the Emancipation Proclamation changed the legal status under federal law of more than 3.5 million enslaved African Americans in the Confederate states from slave to free;

WHEREAS, to ensure the abolition of slavery in all of the U.S., President Lincoln pushed for passage of the Thirteenth Amendment, and insisted that Reconstruction plans for Southern states require abolition in new state constitutions;

WHEREAS, Congress passed the 13th Amendment by the necessary two-thirds vote on January 31, 1865, and it was ratified by the states on December 6, 1865, ending legal slavery in the United States;

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, Washington State passed House Bill 1016 making Juneteenth a legal state holiday which will go into effect June 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jennifer Gregerson, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, do hereby proclaim June 19th, or Juneteenth, as a holiday 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 27th day of May, 2021

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Gregerson".

Jennifer Gregerson
Mayor