



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

JUNETEENTH June 19, 2024

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

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

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; and

WHEREAS, combining the words June and Nineteenth, Juneteenth has been celebrated for over 150 years; and

WHEREAS, Washington State passed House Bill 1016 making Juneteenth a legal state holiday which went into effect June 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Joe Marine, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2024 as *Juneteenth* 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 17th Day of June, 2024

Joe Marine
Mayor