

City of Tukwila

Washington

Resolution No. 1992

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, COMMEMORATING JUNETEENTH OF EACH YEAR AS AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN EMANCIPATION.

WHEREAS, news of the end of slavery did not reach African Americans in some Confederate areas until months after the conclusion of the Civil War and more than 2-1/2 years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, or June 19, 1865, is considered the date when the last enslaved African Americans in America were freed, when Union Army Major General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, and announced, "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free;" and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, or "Juneteenth Independence Day," is the oldest known celebration commemorating the abolition of slavery in the United States, and is now celebrated in 46 states and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, while long celebrated in the Southern states, Juneteenth must also be known and understood and, since 2007, has been honored in the Pacific Northwest and statewide as an important piece of the fabric of this nation's history; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth provides an opportunity to celebrate freedom and liberty, and will serve as a reminder of our collective history and our responsibility to never stop fighting toward true racial equality;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

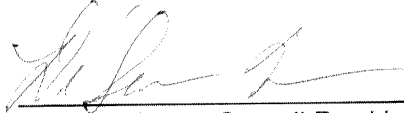
Juneteenth, June 19, shall be recognized in the City of Tukwila as an annual celebration of emancipation and an occasion to honor the African Americans in our community, through continued learning and understanding of its impact on community members.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, at a Regular Meeting thereof this 15th day of June, 2020.

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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Christy O'Flaherty, MMC, City Clerk



De'Sean Quinn, Council President

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