



A Proclamation Commemorating Juneteenth

WHEREAS, The United States of America is a nation founded on the principles of liberty and justice for all, and the Civil War was fought to ensure that freedom would be shared by all; and

WHEREAS, On January 1, 1863, Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, which abolished slavery; and

WHEREAS, word about the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was delayed two-and one-half years in reaching authorities and African Americans in the South and Southwestern United States; and

WHEREAS, this news of freedom reached Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865 and is the site of the first celebration of Juneteenth; and

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; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hopkins recognizes "*Juneteenth Jubilee*" hosted by Minnesota Black Box, held on June 19, 2021 at the Hopkins Center for the Arts, which celebrates this holiday through the promotion of local, Black-owned, businesses.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jason Gadd, Mayor of the City of Hopkins in the State of Minnesota, along with my fellow Council Members, recognize, adopt and proclaim this Proclamation to urge all residents to become more aware of the significance of this celebration in African-American History and in the heritage of our nation and City.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Hopkins, Minnesota to be affixed this 15th day of June in the year 2021.



Jason Gadd, Mayor