



Proclamation

Whereas, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring the slaves in Confederate territory free, paving the way for the passing of the 13th Amendment which formally abolished slavery in the United States of America; and

Whereas, word about the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was delayed some two- and one-half years, to June 19, 1865, in reaching authorities and African-Americans in the South and Southwestern United States; 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, in its celebration of freedom, Juneteenth is a day that should be recognized by all Americans and remind us all of our incredible capacity to heal, hope and emerge from our darkest moments with purpose and resolve; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Be IT Resolved that I, Joe Benetti, Mayor of the City of Coos Bay do hereby proclaim the month of June 19, 2023 as

Juneteenth

in the City of Coos Bay and encourage everyone to recommit ourselves to the work of equity, equality, and justice.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the city seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on the 6th day of June 2023.



Joe Benetti, Mayor

