

PROCLAMATION

Juneteenth ~ June 2022

WHEREAS, on September 22, 1862, the Emancipation Proclamation and Executive Order were issued by President Abraham Lincoln declaring the owning of slaves to be illegal effective January 1, 1863; and

WHEREAS, almost two and a half years later on June 19, 1865, Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, bringing news of the Proclamation and Executive Order that slaves should be freed; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a holiday commemorating the liberation of African Americans attained by the African American community's perseverance and innovation despite the perils faced, coupled with the Proclamation and Executive Order outlawing slavery; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the longest celebrated holiday commemorating the end of slavery, acknowledging the achievements of the African American diaspora, throughout and in spite of slavery, and continuing to this day; and

WHEREAS, almost 156 years later, on June 17, 2021, President Joe Biden signed legislation to make Juneteenth a federal holiday enshrining June 19 as the national day to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States, stating that signing the law was one of the greatest honors he will have as President; and

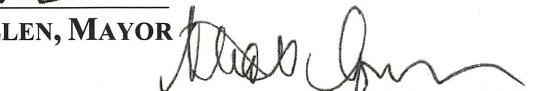
WHEREAS, the City of Elk Grove's Diversity and Inclusion Commission invites residents to attend its Cultural Connections storytellers event celebrating Juneteenth on Thursday, June 16, 2022, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at The Center at District56 Outdoor Patio (8230 Civic Center Drive).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby affirms and proclaims June 19 as Juneteenth in the City of Elk Grove, acknowledges the systemic injustices still faced by the African American population, and urges all residents to join in the celebration of culture, accomplishments, and contributions of the African American community and encourages all residents to foster a community that continues to advance the movement toward equality and justice for African American people.

SIGNED this 8th day of June, 2022.


BOBBIE SINGH-ALLEN, MAYOR


DARREN SUEN, VICE MAYOR


STEPHANIE NGUYEN, COUNCIL MEMBER


PATRICK HUME, COUNCIL MEMBER


KEVIN SPEASE, COUNCIL MEMBER