

# PROCLAMATION

## *Juneteenth* *June 19, 2021*

**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

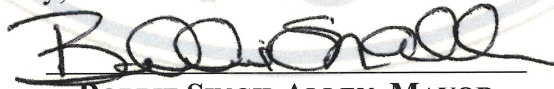
**WHEREAS,** almost two and a half years later on June 19, 1865, Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, bringing news of the Proclamation and Executive Order for slaves to be freed; and

**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


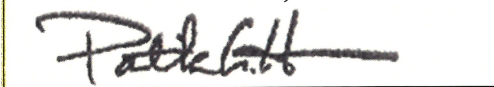
**WHEREAS,** Juneteenth is the longest celebrated holiday commemorating the end of slavery, acknowledging the achievements of the African American diaspora, throughout and in spite of slavery, and continuing to this day.

**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 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.



BOBBIE SINGH-ALLEN, MAYOR

  
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