

Washoe County, Nevada

~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, first celebrated in Texas, where on that date in 1865, in the aftermath of the Civil War, slaves were declared free under the terms of the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation - nearly two years after Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation; and,

WHEREAS, “Juneteenth” is a blend of two words: “June” and “nineteenth.”; and,

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, a federal holiday signed into law under Senate Bill 475 in 2021, is celebrated every June 19 to commemorate the end of slavery of African Americans in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a day of the profound power of the human spirit in its triumph over the cruelty of slavery; and,

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a historical milestone and tribute to our country's African American Heritage; and,

WHEREAS, Washoe County recognizes the abolitionists, civil rights advocates, activists, public officials, and everyday Americans who have done the arduous work necessary to make the ideals of our founding documents more meaningful for one and all; and,

WHEREAS, On Juneteenth, we recommit ourselves to the work of equity, dignity, equality and justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim June 21st, 2022 as

~ Juneteenth Recognition Day ~

Dated this 21st day of June, 2022.

Vaughn Hartung, Chair
Washoe County Commission