

Board of County Commissioners

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 it's triumph over the cruelty of slavery; and

Whereas, Nevada has a history of supporting equality by being the first state to ratify the 15th Amendment, giving African Americans the right to vote; and

Whereas, Washoe County recognizes the civil rights advocates, public officials, and citizens in our county that have committed themselves to the raising up of all persons in our community through education and awareness; and

Whereas, the Northern Nevada Black Cultural Awareness Society, NNBCAS works to bring forward the awareness of black culture and history to Washoe County residents during their annual Juneteenth festival; and

Whereas, On Juneteenth, we recommit ourselves to the work of equity and justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim June 19th, 2023 as

Juneteenth Recognition Day

Dated this 20th day of June, 2023.

Alexis Hill, Chair
Washoe County Commission

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