

Proclamation on the Occasion of June 19th “Juneteenth”

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln inscribed the emancipation proclamation at two o'clock in the afternoon of January the 1st in 1863 using his powers as President and;

WHEREAS, the emancipation proclamation stated that all persons held as slaves within any state or designated part of the state especially the rebellious southern states are and henceforth shall be free and;

WHEREAS, despite being freed on January the 1st 1863 the emancipation proclamation could not be enforced in many places until the end of the civil war in 1865 and;

WHEREAS, on June 19 1865 Major General Gordon Granger and his union forces arrived in Galveston, Texas and delivered order number three which said: The people in Texas are informed that in accordance with the proclamation from the executive of the United States, all slaves are free this involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves the connection or existing between them becomes that between employer and highered labor and;

WHEREAS, slavery as we have come to know it entered American shores at Point Comfort, Virginia in 1619 making a bloody heart-wrenching period of American history and;

WHEREAS, after the end of slavery and the failure of reconstruction Jim Crow laws and systematic formalized government-sponsored segregation and racist laws and practices

prevailed in full force until the civil rights movement and subsequent laws of the 1960s and;

WHEREAS, despite all these advances our country as a whole is still dealing with multi-generational effects of slavery and systematic racism and;

WHEREAS, we are at Juneteenth as the day of celebration as we remember to mark the freedom of slaves at the end of the civil war and;

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2021 Juneteenth became a federal holiday with President Biden signing the Juneteenth national independence day into law and;

NOW THEREFORE, I, do declare June 19th 2022 a celebratory day of Juneteenth with this proclamation and a reminder that we all have so much to work to do in terms of racial justice and equality and our work begins in our own backyards for your brothers and sisters keepers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the seal of my office to be affixed, this 14nd day of June in the year of 2022.



*Ron Mozer
Mayor, City of Monessen*



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