

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

on June 19, 1865, more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, more than 250,000 enslaved Black Americans in Texas finally received the news they were free from bondage; and

WHEREAS.

Juneteenth celebrates the liberation of Black Americans from slavery in the United States, and is the oldest-known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS,

Juneteenth provides an opportunity to recognize, center, and celebrate those who suffered and fought against the institution of slavery, and those who have continued to fight for equity in the United States; and

WHEREAS,

the City of Santa Clara recognizes the profound importance of Juneteenth and its enduring legacy; Juneteenth represents liberation, resilience, and the pursuit of equality, reflecting the power and resilience of Black Americans throughout United States history.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA M. GILLMOR, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2025 as

JUNETEENTH

in the City of Santa Clara, and call upon members of the Santa Clara community to work together to strive toward racial justice in our community. Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 10th day of June 2025.

KELLY G. COX VICE MAYOR, DISTRICT 6

KAREN HARDY COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT 3 LISA M. GİLLMOR MAYOR, CITY OF SANTA CLARA

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