

*City of Santa Clara*

# *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 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,** Juneteenth commemorates Black American freedom and celebrates the successes gained through education and greater opportunity; on a larger scale, celebration of Juneteenth reminds each of us of the precious promises of freedom, equality, and opportunity which are at the core of the American Dream; 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 Santa Clara City Council, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2024, 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 and bringing an end to racism and racial injustices in the community.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

**LISA M. GILLMOR**  
**MAYOR**  
City of Santa Clara