

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the freedoms promised by the Declaration of Independence and later advanced through the Emancipation Proclamation were not immediately extended to all enslaved people of African descent; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, Union Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced General Order No. 3, declaring that "all slaves are free," bringing long-awaited news that sparked celebrations throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth National Independence Day is recognized as the nation's oldest commemoration of the end of slavery for African Americans and remains a time to honor freedom through gatherings, family reunions, reflection, and community celebrations; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, the 105th United States Congress adopted Senate Joint Resolution 11 and House Joint Resolution 56 to formally acknowledge Juneteenth Independence Day; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the Seventy-first Oregon Legislative Assembly approved Senate Joint Resolution 31, designating June 19 of each year as Juneteenth National Independence Day and encouraging a statewide observance celebrating freedom, dignity, and equality; and

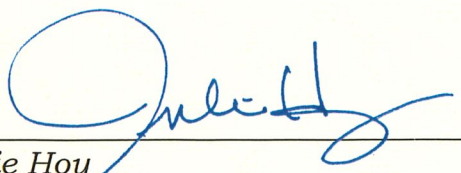
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Julie Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2026, as

JUNETEENTH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY

and encourage all residents to learn about the history and significance of Juneteenth and to recognize and celebrate the many contributions African Americans have made to our nation, our state, and our community.

DATED this eight day of June, 2026.




Julie Hoy
Mayor