



PROCLAMATION

JUNETEENTH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY

June 19, 2023

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as "Juneteenth National Independence Day," "Emancipation Day," "Emancipation Celebration," and "Freedom Day," is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States; and has been celebrated by the Black Community for over 150 years;

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, and declared that all persons held as slaves "within the rebellious states "are, and henceforward shall be free," paving the way for the passing of the thirteenth amendment which formally abolished slavery in the United States of America;

WHEREAS, June 19, 1865, is considered the date when the last slaves in America were freed when General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, and issued General Order No. 3, almost two and one-half years after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation;

WHEREAS, June 19, symbolizes freedom, celebrates the abolishment of slavery, reminds all Americans of the significant contributions of African Americans to our society, and is a time for reflection and rejoicing, assessment, self-improvement, and planning for the future; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2021, the United States Congress approved a bipartisan bill to approve June 19 as "Juneteenth National Independence Day", to be observed as a legal public holiday, and the bill was signed into law by President Biden on June 17, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 19, 2023 as JUNETEENTH in the City of San Fernando, and encourages all residents to join together in celebration of freedom, family and community by embodying a spirit of peace, respect, and brotherly love, and to honor and salute our City's rich cultural legacy and diversity.




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June 5, 2023

THE CITY OF
SAN FERNANDO