

City of Brisbane

PROCLAMATION

CELEBRATING JUNE 19, 2023 AS JUNETEENTH

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, Union general Gordon Granger read federal orders in Galveston, Texas, that all previously enslaved people in Texas were free. This came more than two months after the end of the Civil War and 2½ years after President Abraham Lincoln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation freeing slaves in the Southern states; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2021, President Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, making Juneteenth the 12th federal holiday; and

WHEREAS, we join the greater community to observe Juneteenth to remember the moral stain and terrible toll of slavery on our country and long legacy of systemic racism, inequality, and inhumanity; and

WHEREAS, we can work toward equality and justice and celebrate the centuries of struggle, courage, and hope that have brought us to progress and possibilities throughout our history by abolitionists and educators, civil rights advocates and lawyers, courageous activists, public officials, and everyday Americans; and

WHEREAS, we must recognize that African Americans, among other people of color, have shouldered a disproportionate burden of loss through systemic racism that still undermines our founding ideals and collective prosperity; and

WHEREAS, this nation was founded on the principle that every individual has infinite dignity and worth, and the City Council calls upon the people of this municipality to build an economy that brings everyone along, in the name of freedom and through the power of community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council hereby observe Juneteenth this 19th day of June 2023. Let us celebrate Juneteenth as the day when all Americans were liberated and created equal. It should be a day to reflect, learn, and grow as a community and as a people.

Dated: 6/15/2023



Madison Davis, Mayor

