



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth commemorates the day that General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865 and informed enslaved African-Americans that the Civil War and slavery had ended; and

**WHEREAS**, the Emancipation Proclamation was issued two and a half years earlier on January 1, 1863 and declared “that all persons held as slaves” are free, but slavery had been maintained in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, and Liberation Day, is celebrated nationally as the end of chattel slavery; and

**WHEREAS**, recognition of Juneteenth is an opportunity to learn more about our history and address current manifestations of racism in ourselves, institutions, and systems; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council Resolution No. 467 stated the City’s commitment to Shoreline becoming an anti-racist community, which includes addressing all the ways racism persists as a systemic and chronic reality;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Scully, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2022 as

## JUNETEENTH

in the City of Shoreline and encourage all people to celebrate and take action to achieve racial justice for all.



Keith Scully, Mayor