



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, 2023 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