

The City of Everett

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring the slaves in Confederate territory free, paving the way for the passing of the 13th Amendment which formally abolished slavery in the United States of America;

AND, word about the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was delayed some two½ years later, to June 19, 1865, in reaching authorities and African-Americans in the South and Southwestern United States;

AND, June 19th has a special meaning to African-Americans, and is called JUNETEENTH, combining the words June and Nineteenth, and has been celebrated by the African-American community for over 150 years;

AND, JUNETEENTH commemorates African American freedom and celebrates the successes gained through education and greater opportunity;


AND, JUNETEENTH reminds each of us of the precious promises of freedom, equality, and opportunity are at the core of the American Dream;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cassie Franklin, Mayor of the City of Everett, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2020

JUNETEENTH DAY

in the City of Everett and encourage all residents to become more aware of the significance of this day in African-American History.

Signed this 12th day of June, 2020



Mayor Cassie Franklin

