



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, On January 1st, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation which made known that all enslaved people in Confederate states rebelling against the Union “shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free”; and

WHEREAS, it was not until June 19th, 1865, when Union Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced both the end of the Civil War and General Order Number 3 which declared – *“The People Of Texas Are Informed That, In Accordance With A Proclamation From The Executive Of The United States, All Slaves Are Free.”*; and

WHEREAS, on December 6th, 1865, President Lincoln approved the Joint Resolution of Congress enacting the 13th Amendment as a final constitutional solution to the issue of slavery; and

WHEREAS, the Emancipation Proclamation also led to the expansion of civil rights for all Americans with the enactment of the 14th Amendment guaranteeing all citizens “equal protection of the laws” and the 15th Amendment which prohibited states from disenfranchising voters “on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude”; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Texas became the first state to make Juneteenth also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, and Cel-Liberation Day an official holiday commemorating June 19th as the abolishment of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on a larger scale, a celebration of Juneteenth reminds each of us of the precious promises of freedom, equality, and opportunity which are at the core of the American Dream.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Christopher Harvey, Mayor of the City of Manor, Texas, and on behalf of the Manor City Council, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 19th, 2024, as:

“Juneteenth Day”

in the City of Manor and urge all citizens to become more aware of the significance of this celebration in African American History and the heritage of our Nation and City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Manor to be affixed this 19th day of June 2024.



Dr. Christopher Harvey, Mayor
City of Manor