

City of Eureka

Proclamation



In recognition of

Juneteenth
June 19, 2023

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*

Whereas, word about the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was delayed some two and one half years, to June 19, 1865, in reaching authorities and African-Americans in the South and Southwestern United States; *and*

Whereas, Emancipation Day observations are held on different days in different states in the South and Southwest, and in other parts of the nation; *and*

Whereas, 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*

Whereas, City of Eureka offices will be closed Monday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth; *and*

Whereas, Black Humboldt will be hosting an event celebrating Juneteenth on Saturday June 17th featuring a wide variety of Black curated events and projects.

Now, therefore, I Mayor Kim Bergel, on behalf of the Eureka City Council, hereby declares Monday June 19, 2023 "Juneteenth Day" in Eureka and urges all citizens to become more aware of the significance of this celebration in African-American History and in the heritage of our nation and City

Kim Bergel
Mayor
June 6, 2023