



Proclamation Juneteenth

WHEREAS, on the nineteenth day of June 1865, the end of the American Civil War was announced by Union soldiers in Galveston, Texas, marking the official end to slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on today's date 158 years ago, Major General Gordon Granger read aloud "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property, between former masters and slaves and the connection heretofore existing between them, becomes that between employer and hired labor."; and

WHEREAS, although the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Abraham Lincoln over two years earlier than this day, many slave owners withheld this information from their slaves in order to continue holding them enslaved for even longer; and

WHEREAS, the City of Scappoose takes this moment to recognize and reflect on the history of black Americans in the United States. Juneteenth is also an opportunity to celebrate black culture, black progress, black pride, and black Americans in general.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Joseph A. Backus, Mayor of Scappoose, do hereby proclaim June 19th of 2023, and each year thereafter, as "Juneteenth" in the City of Scappoose, and urge all residents of Scappoose to participate in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Scappoose, to be affixed. Done at City Hall in the City of Scappoose, Oregon, on this 19th day of June, 2023.

CITY OF SCAPPOOSE, OREGON

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph A. Backus". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Joseph A. Backus, Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alexandra Rains". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Alexandra Rains, City Manager