

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1865, two years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, the word finally came down to slaves in Galveston, Texas that they were free; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth recognizes the true enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation at the close of the Civil War, and from this beginning, our nation worked toward greater equality; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth is commemorated as a time to celebrate the rich heritage and significant contributions of African-Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, on a larger scale, celebration of Juneteenth reminds us all that there is still work to be done in ensuring equal access to workforce training, homeownership, and education for our African-American citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane do hereby proclaim Friday, June 19, 2020, as

### JUNETEENTH DAY

in the City of Spokane and urge citizens to join with me in this special observance by honoring the past, while reflecting on the present and setting our sights onward to a better future.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
15<sup>th</sup> day of June in 2020.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward  
Mayor

