

# 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 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 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; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee signed House Bill 1016 on May 13, 2021, officially declaring Juneteenth a state holiday, joining forty-seven other states and the District of Columbia in officially commemorating or observing the holiday:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2021 as

### JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION DAY

in Spokane and urge citizens to join with me in 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  
11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021.

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

Nadine Woodward  
Mayor

