

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on June 19th, 1865, the news finally arrived in Galveston, Texas that despite slave owners withholding the information, the Emancipation Proclamation had freed all enslaved persons 2 ½ years earlier now allowing for their freedom after decades of disenfranchisement; and

WHEREAS, this day now serves as an emphasis on the celebration of the life, joy, heritage, and culture that the African American community shares along with a day to measure the progress that has been made in the realm of accomplishments and contributions in Spokane and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, this day is a commitment to the African American community regarding the continued perseverance towards equality and the acknowledgement that there is still work to be done regarding systematic racism, income inequality, and access to resources such as education:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2023 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 while celebrating the strength and power of the African American community.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
9th day of June 2023.

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

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

