



# PROCLAMATION

## Juneteenth

**WHEREAS**, at 2:00pm on New Year's Day, January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, providing that all persons held as slaves, within any State or designated part of a State "shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free;" and

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 1865, the last group of enslaved people were informed of their liberation in Texas, two and half years after the implementation of the Emancipation Proclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, in order that we may never forget the evils of slavery and its aftermath, we acknowledge the injustices and suffering those experienced under slavery; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth celebrates the past, present, and future achievements and contributions of Black and African Americans to our communities and country; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the significance of Juneteenth and the importance of continuing to engage in dialogue on race relations to promote racial healing, reconciliation, and justice; and

**WHEREAS**, during this Juneteenth event, we appreciate the Black and African American experience and celebrate the inclusion of all races, ethnicities, and nationalities as we commit to working together toward equitable experiences and opportunities for all those in our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mason Thompson, Mayor of the City of Bothell, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2022 to be Juneteenth in the City of Bothell, to recognize the painful origins of this day and to promote healing and unity.

Signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

*Mason Thompson*  
Mason Thompson (Jun 14, 2022 15:20 PDT)

Mason Thompson, Mayor