



PROCLAMATION

Juneteenth

WHEREAS, we acknowledge on June 19, 1865, the last group of enslaved African Americans 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 Blacks experienced under slavery; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth celebrates the freedom, achievement, and contribution of Black Americans, past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, to promote racial healing, reconciliation, and justice, it is important to recognize the significance of Juneteenth and continue engaging in dialogue on race relations; and

WHEREAS, during this Juneteenth event, we appreciate the 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, Liam Olsen, Mayor of the City of Bothell, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2020 to be "*Juneteenth 2020*" in the City of Bothell, and I encourage all to join me in this celebration.

Signed this 16th day of June, 2020.

Liam Olsen, Mayor

