

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States.; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 19<sup>th</sup> that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free; and

**WHEREAS**, this was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation - which had become official January 1, 1863.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on the Texans due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new Executive Order; and

**WHEREAS**, however, with the surrender of General Lee in April of 1865, and the arrival of General Granger's regiment, the forces were finally strong enough to influence and overcome the resistance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA**, Mayor of the City of Delray, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim June 19th as:

# Juneteenth

in the City of Delray Beach.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

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**SHELLY PETROLIA**  
**MAYOR**