

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

WHEREAS, on June 19th 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 4th day of June 2019.

SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR