

**Office of the Mayor  
City of High Point  
North Carolina**

# **Proclamation...**

**WHEREAS,** Juneteenth National Freedom Day is the oldest African American holiday observance in the United States. Also known as "Emancipation Day," "Emancipation Celebration," "Freedom Day," and "Juneteenth." Juneteenth National Freedom Day commemorates the survival, due to strength and determination, of African Americans who were first brought to this country as slaves; and

**WHEREAS,** Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the day freedom was proclaimed to all slaves in the south by Union General Granger in Galveston, Texas, more than two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln; and

**WHEREAS,** Americans of all types share in a common love of and respect for freedom and equal opportunity. "Until All are Free, None are Free" is an often repeated maxim that can be used to highlight the significance of the end of the era of slavery in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** we recognize the significance of Juneteenth as an occasion to recognize this country's movement towards "One America," advanced by a sincere dialogue of the realization of what Juneteenth historically means to all Americans, promoting racial healing, equal opportunity, and justice for all.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Cyril Jefferson, Mayor of High Point, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the June 19, 2024 as

## **JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY**

In the City of High Point and encourage the community to participate in the activities planned to commemorate this historical event.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
set my hand and caused to be affixed the  
Seal of the City of High Point, North  
Carolina this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.**

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**Cyril Jefferson, Mayor**