

Office of the Mayor
City of High Point
North Carolina

PROCLAMATION...

Whereas, nearly 150 years old, 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 God given 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.

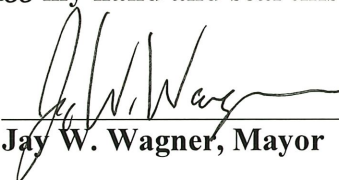
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JAY W. WAGNER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT HEREBY PROCLAIMS JUNE 19, 2020 AS

JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY

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



WITNESS my hand and seal this 15th day of June, 2020.


Jay W. Wagner, Mayor