

**CITY OF MILTON
RESOLUTION 20-1934**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILTON, WASHINGTON,
COMMEMORATING JUNETEENTH WEEK OF EACH YEAR AS AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION
OF AFRICAN AMERICAN EMANCIPATION.**

WHEREAS, news of the end of slavery did not reach African Americans in some Confederate areas until months after the conclusion of the Civil War and more than 2 ½ years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, or June 19, 1865, is considered the date when the last enslaved African Americans in America were freed, when Union Army Major General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas and announced, "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free," and

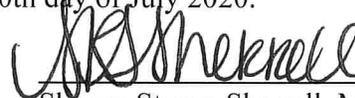
WHEREAS, Juneteenth, or "Juneteenth Independence Day", is the oldest known celebration commemorating the abolition of slavery in the United States, and is now celebrated in 46 states and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, while long celebrated in the Southern states, Juneteenth must also be known, understood, and honored in the Pacific Northwest as an important piece of the fabric of this nation's history; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth provides an opportunity to celebrate freedom and liberty, and will serve as a reminder of our collective history and our responsibility to never stop fighting toward true racial equality;

NOW, THEREFORE, we the undersigned Mayor and City Council of the City of Milton, Washington, do hereby resolve to formally designate Juneteenth Week each year for the week that June 19th falls within as an annual celebration of emancipation and an occasion to honor the African Americans in our community.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Milton, Washington, at a regularly scheduled meeting thereof this 20th day of July 2020.



Shanna Styron Sherrell, Mayor



Todd Morton, Councilmember



Phil Linden, Councilmember



Robert Whalen, Mayor Pro Tem

Milton City Council:



Steve Whitaker, Councilmember



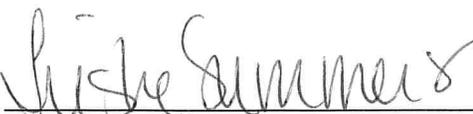
Susan Johnson, Councilmember



Steve Peretti, Councilmember



Jim Gillespie, Councilmember



Trisha Summers, City Clerk

