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A PROCLAMATION ON JUNETEENTH DAY OF OBSERVANCE, 2024

WHEREAS: On June 19, 1865, months after the Civil War ended, and more than (two) 2 years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation freeing enslaved people, Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, to free 250,000 people still held in bondage. The arrival of Major General Gordon Granger and his troops signaled that the Federal Government would not relent until the last enslaved people in America were free; and

WHEREAS: On Juneteenth, we commemorate that day and honor the tireless work of abolitionists who made it their mission to deliver the promise of America for all Americans

WHEREAS: As we observe Juneteenth, we remind ourselves of the sacred proposition rooted in Scripture and enshrined in our Declaration of Independence: that we are all created equal in the image of God and each of us deserves to be treated equally throughout our lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott A. Furgeson, Mayor of the City of Shelbyville, Indiana, does hereby proclaim June 19, 2024, as:


Juneteenth Day of Observance

and calls on the Shelbyville community to celebrate Juneteenth and recommit to working together in equality in our society.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Mayor of Shelbyville, Indiana to be affixed the 19th day of June, 2024.



CITY OF SHELBYVILLE



Scott A. Furgeson, Mayor