

## Proclamation

*Whereas,* Juneteenth marks the anniversary of the day in 1865 when Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, to announce the freedom of all enslaved African Americans, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed; and

*Whereas,* this momentous day serves as a beacon of resilience, acknowledging both the profound hardships of the past and the enduring contributions of Black Americans to the prosperity and culture of our community and the United States; and

*Whereas,* while Juneteenth represents a historic milestone for freedom, it also serves as a vital call to action, reminding us of our ongoing collective responsibility to champion equity, justice, and human dignity for all; and

*Whereas,* Juneteenth is an opportunity to acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today; and

*Whereas,* Juneteenth is observed by many communities across the country; and

*Whereas,* on June 18, 2021, President Joe Biden proclaimed Juneteenth as the 12th federal holiday to be observed on June 19th; and

*Whereas,* the City of Manhattan Beach remains committed to fostering an inclusive environment that recognizes, celebrates, and supports the diversity of our community;

*Now, Therefore, BE IT Resolved* that I, Joe Franklin, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Manhattan Beach, do hereby recognize and commemorate June 19, 2026 as

## Juneteenth

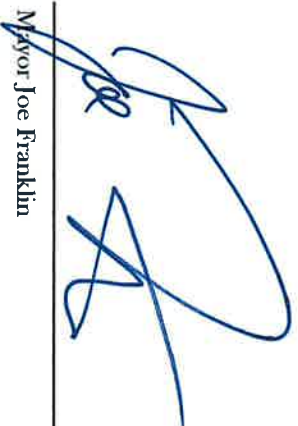
and remind all citizens to reflect and celebrate this very important date in our nation's history.

*Dated* this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2026.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Liza Tamura



Mayor Joe Franklin

