

Proclamation

Whereas, on January 1, 1863, President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring the slaves in Confederate territory free, paving the way for the passing of the 13th Amendment, which formally abolished slavery in the United States of America; and

Whereas, word about the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was delayed two and a half years reaching authorities and African-Americans in the South and the Southwestern United States on June 19, 1865; and

Whereas, this day is called “Juneteenth” combining the words June and Nineteenth; 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.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that I, Steve Napolitano, 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

Juneteenth

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

Dated this 7th day of June, 2022.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK LIZATAMURA

MAYOR STEVE NAPOLITANO

