



A PROCLAMATION

OBSERVING JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY, JUNE 19, 1865, THE DAY ON WHICH SLAVERY FINALLY CAME TO AN END IN THE UNITED STATES JUNE 19 2021

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation was issued on January 1, 1863. Yet, news of the end of slavery did not reach the frontier areas of the United States, and in particular the Southwestern States, for over two and a half years; and

WHEREAS, On June 19, 1865, Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War had ended and that the enslaved were free; and

WHEREAS, African Americans who had been slaves in the Southwest celebrated June 19, commonly known as "Juneteenth Independence Day", as inspiration and encouragement for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Superior Board of Trustees acknowledges the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day to the United States; and

WHEREAS, residents of Superior are encouraged to join the continued nationwide celebration of Juneteenth Independence Day to provide an opportunity for the people of the United States to learn more about the past and to better understand the experiences that have shaped the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Superior recognizes that the observance of the end of slavery is a part of the history and heritage of the United States

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town of Superior, Colorado, that June 19, 2021, is recognized as Juneteenth Independence Day and encourages all residents to join in celebration and solidarity and urges all residents to actively raise their own awareness of the significance of this celebration in African American History and in the heritage of our nation and Town.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of June, 2021.




Mark Lacis, Mayor Pro-tem