

**PROCLAMATION
BY THE CITY OF OAK GROVE
JUNETEENTH**

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, Jubilee Day, and Freedom Day, is celebrated annually on June 19th to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced General Order No. 3, which proclaimed the freedom of all enslaved people in the state, two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation had formally abolished slavery; and

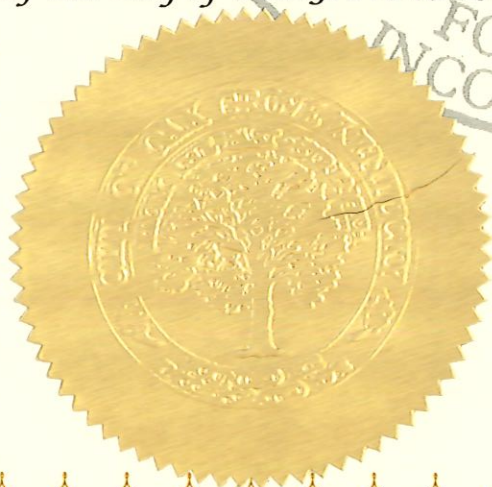
WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a time to reflect on the struggles and triumphs of African Americans in the fight for freedom and equality, and to honor the significant contributions they have made to our society and culture; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Juneteenth provides an opportunity for all residents of Oak Grove to learn about our shared history, celebrate the progress that has been made, and recommit to the work that remains in the pursuit of justice and equality for all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Grove recognizes the importance of Juneteenth as a day of reflection, healing, and joy, and encourages all citizens to participate in activities and events that honor this historic occasion;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacqueline Oliver, Mayor of Oak Grove do hereby proclaim June 19, 2025, as JUNETEENTH DAY in Oak Grove and urge all citizens to join in recognizing this significant day in our nation's history, to celebrate African American culture and heritage, and to work together toward a more inclusive and equitable society.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oak Grove to be affixed this 17th day of June 2025.



Jacqueline Oliver
Jacqueline Oliver, Mayor of Oak Grove

Lorelynn Fisher
Lorelynn Fisher, City Clerk of Oak Grove