

# PROCLAMATION



**WHEREAS**, the Emancipation Proclamation was formally issued on January 1, 1863, declaring that enslaved Africans in the Confederate States of America were to be freed; and

**WHEREAS**, news of the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation was not immediately delivered to the most remote areas of the Confederate States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, news of the abolition of the enslavement of Africans was not delivered to all the Confederate States until after the conclusion of the American Civil War; and

**WHEREAS**, all of the Confederate States received news of the end of enslavement of African people on June 19, 1865; and

**WHEREAS**, June 19th – JUNETEENTH a linguistic blend of the words June and nineteenth, was adopted to commemorate this historical and pivotal date in American history; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning on January 1, 1980, several states and municipal governments in the United States have declared June 19th – JUNETEENTH a legal holiday; and

**WHEREAS**, June 19th – JUNETEENTH, is celebrated nationally and internationally to recognize the end of the enslavement of Africans in the United States and to celebrate the culture and achievements of African Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, June 19th – JUNETEENTH was made an official Town holiday in 2020 to provide all Town residents an opportunity to learn, reflect and celebrate the rights, privileges, culture, achievements, sacrifices of African Americans in and to the Town of Dundee and to this country; and

**WHEREAS**, today, millions of Americans of all races, creeds, religious and ethnic backgrounds celebrate Juneteenth, which not only celebrates freedom, but also acknowledges the achievements of African Americans; and as celebrations continue to spread, we can all be reminded of the oft-repeated maxim, “Until all are free, none are free,” that highlights the manner of the end of slavery in the United States.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Joe Garrison, Mayor of the Town of Dundee, Florida, together with the members of the Dundee Town Commission, hereby declare June 19th, 2026, as

## JUNETEENTH

in the Town of Dundee and urge our citizens to participate in events that celebrate freedom for all.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of Dundee, Florida this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.

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Joe Garrison, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Anderson, Town Clerk