



## *PROCLAMATION*

**WHEREAS**, On September 22, 1862, Abraham Lincoln issued a preliminary proclamation, which required all states to abandon slavery within 100 days. It declared all slaves “thenceforth and forever more free”. The Emancipation Proclamation went into effect on January 1, 1863; and

**WHEREAS**, the abolishment of slavery in the United States is celebrated on different dates in other parts of the country. For example, Texas commemorates the liberation of the last remaining slaves on Juneteenth, while residents of Washington DC celebrate Emancipation Day on April 16 each year, remembering the signing of the Compensated Emancipation Act on April 16, 1862; and

**WHEREAS**, although the Emancipation Proclamation did not end slavery in the nation, it captured the hearts and imagination of millions of Americans and fundamentally transformed the character of the war; and

**WHEREAS**, from the first days of the Civil War, slaves had acted to secure their own liberty. The Emancipation Proclamation confirmed their insistence that the war for the Union must become a war for freedom. It added moral force to the Union cause and strengthened the Union both militarily and politically. As a milestone along the road to slavery's final destruction, the Emancipation Proclamation has assumed a place among the great documents of human freedom.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Larry Wallace Jr., Mayor of the City of Manor, Texas, and on behalf of the Manor City Council, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, September 22, 2020 as:

### *“Emancipation Day”*

in the City of Manor and urge all citizens to become more aware of the significance of this celebration in the heritage of our Nation and City.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Manor to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

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Dr. Larry Wallace Jr., Mayor  
City of Manor