



The Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** on June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger of the Union Army landed in Galveston, Texas bringing news that the Civil War had ended and all slaves were free; and,
- WHEREAS,** one year after freedom was granted to Black men, women and children, the first celebration of Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, Liberation Day and Jubilee Day in its early years was held; and,
- WHEREAS,** since then, Juneteenth has long been celebrated among the African American community for its historical significance; and,
- WHEREAS,** Juneteenth National Independence Day became a Federal Holiday in 2021 raising the public awareness of this date to all the people of the United States; and,
- WHEREAS,** it is important to recognize how Juneteenth has impacted the lives of all Americans, especially those in the African American community.
- THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Robert E. Simison, hereby proclaim June 19th, 2021

Juneteenth Day

in the City of Meridian, and encourage all citizens to recognize and observe the historical significance of this day.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob E. Simison", written over a horizontal line.

Robert E. Simison, Mayor



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