



BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF THUNDERBOLT

A PROCLAMATION

“JUNETEENTH”

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, more than two years after the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation, Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, to announce the end of slavery in the United States, bringing freedom to the last enslaved African Americans; and

WHEREAS, according to the US Data Census, Thunderbolt is approximately made up of 33% African Americans; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth serves as an important reminder of the enduring struggle for equality, justice, and civil rights, while also honoring the generations who fought to secure the freedoms and opportunities many enjoy today; and

WHEREAS, communities across the nation recognize Juneteenth as an opportunity for reflection, education, service, and celebration that brings people together in unity and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Juneteenth encourages all citizens to acknowledge our shared history, celebrate diversity, and continue working toward a more just, inclusive, and equitable society for all people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR DANA WILLIAMS & COUNCIL, do hereby designate June 19, 2026 as “**JUNETEENTH**”; and I urge all residents to join in recognizing the significance of this historic day through celebration, education, reflection, and community engagement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Thunderbolt to be affixed this **10th day of June 2026**.

Mayor Dana Williams Town of Thunderbolt