

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, On January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring slaves in Confederate territory free, paving the way for the abolition of slavery in the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS, Word about the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation did not reach all slaves in the southern states until June 19, 1865; and
- WHEREAS, In 1866 the first celebration of “Jubilee Day” was celebrated on June 19th and is recognized as a celebration of freedom in the Black community; and
- WHEREAS, Recognizing Juneteenth is an opportunity for education, recognition, action and celebration of freedom in our community; and
- WHEREAS, The City of New Brighton has identified a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion as a strategic priority and has thus created the New Brighton Equity Commission to address such issues on a continual basis; and
- WHEREAS, Juneteenth is an important opportunity to honor the principles of freedom in the U.S.A. and celebrate the achievements and contributions the Black community has made, and continues to make in our region and the City of New Brighton.

NOW, THEREFORE I, KARI NIEDFELDT-THOMAS, Mayor of The City of New Brighton, Minnesota do hereby declare June 19, 2022:

Juneteenth Day

in the City of New Brighton and hope that this recognition encourages our residents to reflect, learn, understand, participate and celebrate in community-based events to celebrate Juneteenth and it’s meaning in our region.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of New Brighton, Minnesota to be affixed this 14th day of June, 2022.

KARI NIEDFELDT-THOMAS – MAYOR