



**WHEREAS**, the United States was founded on July 4, 1776, upon the principle that all people are created equal and entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing enslaved people in the southern states, with news reaching Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865; and

**WHEREAS**, formerly enslaved Texans established “Juneteenth” to commemorate Emancipation, through music, prayer, parades, and community traditions that continue today; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth became a Texas state holiday in 1980 and a U.S. federal holiday in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, also known as Jubilee Day and Second Independence Day, Juneteenth will be celebrated in McKinney, Texas, on Saturday, June 13, at Finch Park, continuing a proud tradition of honoring freedom and unity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL COX, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY RECOGNIZE JUNE 19, 2026, AS**

## **JUNETEENTH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**IN MCKINNEY, TEXAS, ENCOURAGING ALL RESIDENTS TO EMBRACE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EMANCIPATION AND TO HONOR EVERY HISTORIC STEP OF THE AMERICAN MARCH TOWARD FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.**

**WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 2ND DAY OF JUNE, 2026.**

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BILL COX, Mayor

ATTEST:

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EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary

City of McKinney  
Collin County, Texas