



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Juneteenth marks the day in 1865 when United States Army Major General Gordon Granger issued General Order No. 3 in Galveston, Texas, proclaiming that all enslaved persons were free, two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth has come to represent freedom and the celebration of Black American culture, heritage and resilience and is a reminder of the importance of the struggle for justice and racial equity; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is an opportunity to reflect on the struggles and successes of Black Americans in our community, to remember and celebrate their contributions, and to commit to continued progress in creating a more equitable and just society; and

WHEREAS, there is a long history of Black American contributions to our community in the City of Greenville, SC, and celebrating Juneteenth is part of honoring that history; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Greenville are invited to observe Juneteenth GVL Day by celebrating the many accomplishments of Black Americans in our community and to recognize their continued struggle for justice, equity, and inclusion by participating in educational and cultural events and/or hosting their own events that focus on the history, culture, and legacy of Black Americans in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Knox White, the Mayor of Greenville, SC, do hereby proclaim that on this June 19th, 2023, and each subsequent June 19th, as

“JUNETEENTH GVL DAY”

in the City of Greenville and encourage all citizens to join in the celebration of this significant day in our history.



Signed, sealed, and delivered this
19th day of June 2023

Knox H. White, Mayor
City of Greenville, SC