

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, officially ending the enslavement of African Americans in America; and

**WHEREAS**, due to open resistance and limited Union troops to enforce this Executive Order, news of emancipation traveled slowly to the south; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger's regiment reached Galveston, Texas, overcame resistance, and enforced the order which bestowed upon African Americans the rights and privileges free citizenship; and

**WHEREAS**, the momentous news on June 19 was met with great jubilation and festivities, and that day has come to be known as "Juneteenth" in America; and


**WHEREAS**, today, Juneteenth is a day to celebrate freedom, a day focused on self-improvement and education, and a day to embrace diversity;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2020 as

## **"JUNETEENTH DAY"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in its observance, celebrate African American achievements, and advocate for equal treatment for all—regardless of race, color or national origin.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this nineteenth day of June 2020.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i