



Juneteenth

June 19, 2025

Whereas: On January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, which established that all enslaved people in Confederate states were set free; and

Whereas: Many slave owners in the state of Texas did not release their slaves; and on June 19th, 1865, General Gordon Grainger and his troops entered Galveston, Texas, after the surrender of General Robert E. Lee in Appomattox, Virginia. Upon General Grainger's arrival on Texas soil, he issued General's Order No. 3; and

Whereas: This order officially declared the immediate release and freedom of the remainder of slaves located in Texas; and slaves that were forcefully held captive for almost three years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued were finally pronounced freemen and freewomen; and

Whereas: In 1866, Black freedmen organized the first celebration of "Jubilee Day" on June 19, featuring music, ethnic cuisines, prayer services, and other activities; and June 19 is now recognized as a ceremonial holiday in forty-seven states, with Texas being the first to declare Juneteenth a state holiday in 1980; and

Whereas: Juneteenth is a day of committed reflection and recognizes that – across people and nations – historic, ongoing, structurally imbedded and government-sanctioned racial discrimination has perpetuated its impacts upon all our generations, including to this very day; and

Whereas: The City of Roseville and its leadership strive to be intentional and accountable to identify solutions to undo the harm of the legacy of racial discrimination and slavery; and

Whereas: In June of 2017, Do Good Roseville gathered volunteers (driven by the vision of creating a welcoming environment for the black community in Roseville) at Lexington Park in recognition of Juneteenth to be in community with each other and to honor and celebrate black culture, beginning a new Juneteenth tradition in Roseville; and

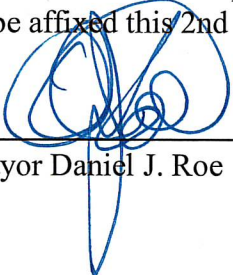
Whereas: On November 7, 2022, the Roseville City Council declared June 19 an official City-recognized holiday, and on February 3, 2023 Juneteenth officially became a State holiday in Minnesota; and

Whereas: The 2025 event committee consists of volunteers committed to providing a great experience to the City of Roseville; and

Whereas: On Saturday, June 14, 2025, the community will gather again for the annual celebration of Juneteenth at the Roseville Central Park from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the City Council hereby declares June 19th, 2025, to be Juneteenth in the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, U.S.A.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Roseville to be affixed this 2nd day of June, 2025.



Mayor Daniel J. Roe

