

# ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PROCLAMATION

## A Day to Celebrate Juneteenth June 19, 2021

**WHEREAS**, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, setting in motion the end of slavery in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Civil War ended with the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865; and

**WHEREAS**, this news reached Texas when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston Bay with Union troops. It was on June 19, 1865, that he announced: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free."; and

**WHEREAS**, celebration of the end of slavery, which became known as Juneteenth, is the oldest known public celebration of the end of slavery in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and celebrates the successes gained through education and greater opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, on a larger scale, celebration of Juneteenth reminds each of us of the precious promises of freedom, equality, and opportunity which are at the core of the American Dream.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Thomas W. Hayes, Mayor of the Village of Arlington Heights, along with the Village Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2021 as a day to celebrate Juneteenth, and urge all citizens to join in this celebration.



**Thomas W. Hayes, Mayor**

**Trustee Richard Baldino  
Trustee James Bertucci  
Trustee Mary Beth Canty  
Trustee Nicolle Grasse**



**Trustee Robin LaBedz  
Trustee John Scaletta  
Trustee Tom Schwingbeck  
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