

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**CITY OF**

**DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS,** *on June 19, 1865, in Galveston, Texas, Union General Gordon Granger issued General Order No. 3, proclaiming the freedom of all enslaved people in the state of Texas—an action that brought the end of slavery to the last state to receive word of the Emancipation Proclamation; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the Emancipation Proclamation, signed by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863, declared the freedom of all enslaved people in Confederate states, but it was not fully realized until Union forces had sufficient control of all Confederate territories; and*

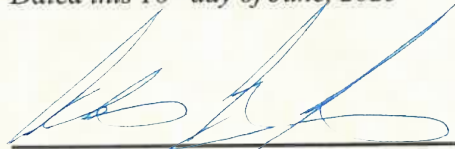
**WHEREAS,** *the City of Des Plaines is proud to commemorate Juneteenth alongside the nation, reflecting on the courage of those who endured enslavement and fought for their liberation, as well as the efforts of those who leveraged their freedom to help end slavery; and*

**WHEREAS,** *we honor the impact of African Americans on Des Plaines and invite residents to explore our past, celebrate our growth, and contribute to the continuing efforts for advancement.*

*Now, therefore, I, ANDREW GOCZKOWSKI, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES, do hereby recognize June 19, 2025 as*

**JUNETEENTH DAY**

*Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025*



*Andrew Goczkowski, Mayor*