

Proclamation

JUNETEENTH 2025

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation effective January 1, 1863 stating that, “slaves within any State, or designated part of a State...in rebellion,...shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free.”; and

WHEREAS, after almost three more years of conflict and loss, the end of the Civil War and the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution ended the sanctioned institution of slavery; and

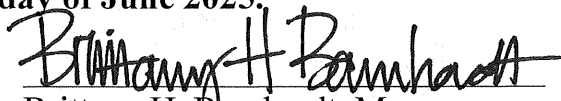
WHEREAS, the news of freedom spread gradually throughout the nation and on June 19, 1865, Union Soldiers, led by General Gordon Granger, arrived in Galveston, Texas and issued General Order No. 3 announcing freedom to some of the last enslaved people in America; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth (June 19), also called Emancipation Day or Juneteenth Independence Day, became a state holiday in Texas in 1980 with a number of other states subsequently following suit; in 2021 Juneteenth was made a federal holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor of the Town of Granite Quarry, on behalf of the Town Council and the residents of Granite Quarry do hereby recognize June 19, 2025 as Juneteenth and encourage our residents to become aware of the significance of this celebration in African-American History and in the heritage of our nation and Town.

ADOPTED this 9th day of June 2025.




Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor

ATTEST:


Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk