

Whereas

Whereas, Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States; and

Whereas, the day brings into national memory, historical events that occurred on June 19 1865, leading to the abolition of slavery in Texas and more generally the emancipation of African American slaves in the South; and

Whereas, more significantly, it is a day for celebrating African American freedom, education, resiliency and agency; and

Whereas, on Juneteenth Day, we remember the stories and teachings of Black leaders who gave, and still give, a voice to the daily struggles for freedom, equality, diversity, equity and inclusion, both past and present; and

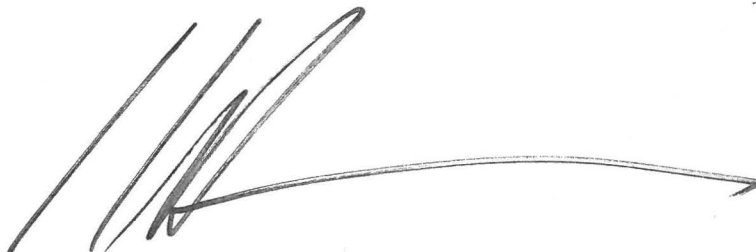
Whereas, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans, specifically to Oregon's economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

Whereas, the City of Portland continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens are recognized for their contributions to our community;

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim June 19, 2017 to be

Juneteenth Day

in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe this day.



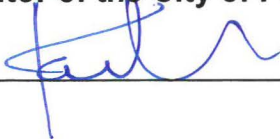
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MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland

By 

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1. Fritz		
2. Fish		
3. Saltzman		
4. Eudaly		
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