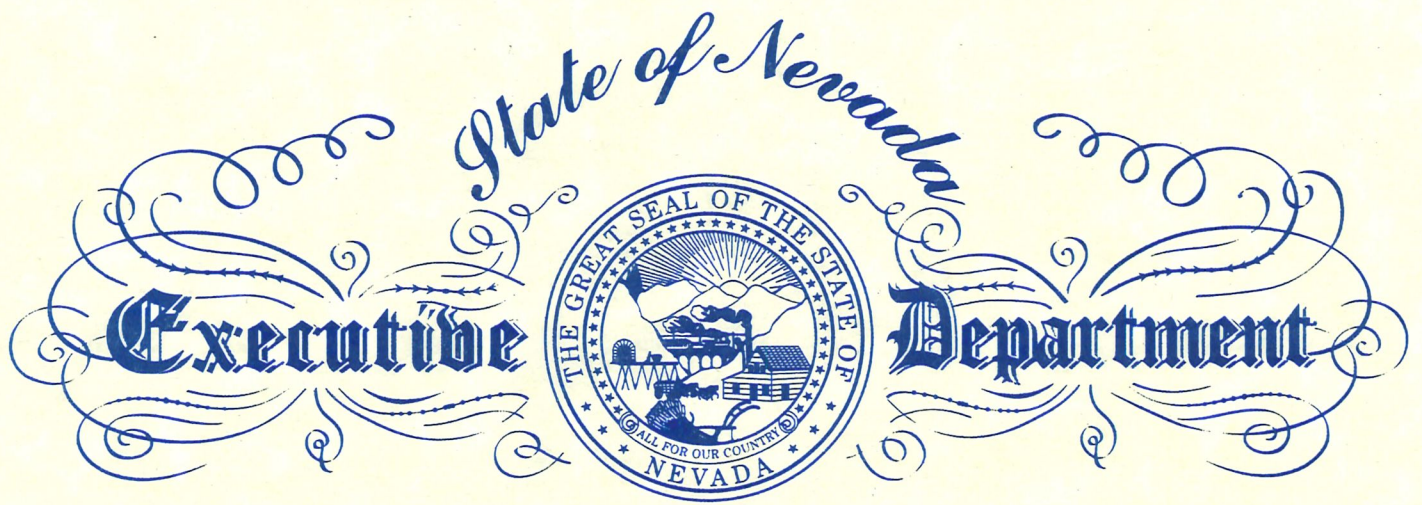




A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, Juneteenth National Freedom Day continues to be the most recognized African American holiday observance in the United States and commemorates the first day of the celebration of freedom in America for all Americans, and the last known celebration for the ending of slavery; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1862, the United States Congress abolished slavery in the Federal territories pursuant to the provisions of Chapter CXI-An Act to secure Freedom to all Persons within the Territories of the United States now existing, or which may at any time hereafter be formed or acquired by the United States; and

WHEREAS Juneteenth also commemorates June 19, 1865 the day freedom was proclaimed to those enslaved in the south by issuance of General Order #3, in Galveston, Texas and the arrival in Galveston of the United States Colored Troops 25th Corps, in route as a show of force on the Texas border from a French incursion as they were led to deliver the news of freedom; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1866, slavery legally ended in all of America, the Oklahoma Territory, and the Federal Territories pursuant to four major treaties that were negotiated and formally signed - one treaty with the Cherokee, the Creek and the Seminole, and a combined treaty with the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations; and

WHEREAS, Americans of all colors, creeds, cultures, religions and countries-of-origin share in a common love of and respect for "freedom," as well as a mutual determination to protect the right to freedom through democratic institutions established by the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution and these "tenets-of-freedom" were appropriated but not applied fairly to all Americans as a whole, however, the celebration of Juneteenth continued regardless; and

WHEREAS, On June 15, 2021, the National Juneteenth Independence legislation was unanimously passed by the U.S Senate, followed by a successful vote in the House of Representatives on June 16, 2021, and finally signed by President Joseph Biden on June 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada call upon the news media, educators and appropriate governmental officers to bring to the attention of Nevada's residents the historical significance of the day when the last slaves in the United States were emancipated and the significant contributions of African Americans to the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE SISOLAK, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2022, as

JUNETEENTH NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 10th day of June 2022.

By the Governor:

Governor

Bailynha K. Coganste
Secretary of State

By

Steve Sisolak
Deputy