



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

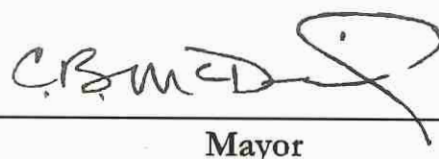
- Whereas,** President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring the slaves in Confederate territory free, paving the way for the passing of the 13th Amendment which formally abolished slavery in the United States of America; and
- Whereas,** word about the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was delayed some two and one half years, to June 19, 1865, in reaching authorities and African-Americans in the South and Southwestern United States; and
- Whereas,** Emancipation Day observations are held on different days in different states in the South and Southwest, and in other parts of the nation; and
- Whereas,** June 19th has a special meaning to African-Americans, and is called "JUNETEENTH" combining the words June and Nineteenth, and has been celebrated by the African-American community for over 150 years; and
- Whereas,** the annual Juneteenth celebration in the City of Grand Junction will take place on June 19, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck McDaniel, Council President of the City of Grand Junction do hereby proclaim June 19, 2021 as

"Juneteenth"

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all citizens to become more aware of the significance of this celebration in African-American History and in the heritage of our nation and City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 16th day of June, 2021.



C. B. McDaniel

Mayor

