

City of Round Rock

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Emancipation Proclamation was signed into law on January 1, 1863; and

WHEREAS, Article Thirteen ratified by Congress on December 6, 1865, declared:

"Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction," and

WHEREAS, Major-General Gordon Granger, head of the Texas Military Forces, landed in Galveston, Texas, and declared the slaves to be free on June 19, 1865; and

WHEREAS, the 66th Texas Legislature declared June 19th as a legal state holiday called "Emancipation Day in Texas," and throughout Texas, June 19th has become known as "Juneteenth Day;" and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth today celebrates African American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures;

WHEREAS, the 9th Annual Round Rock Juneteenth Rhythm and Ribs Festival will be held on June 15th and 16th at the Lakeview Pavilion in Old Settlers Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CRAIG MORGAN, Mayor of the City of Round Rock, Texas, do hereby proclaim June 15-16, 2018 as the

"ROUND ROCK JUNETEENTH RHYTHM & RIBS FESTIVAL"

in the City of Round Rock, Texas, and encourage all citizens to attend the weekend festivities celebrating freedom for all Americans.

PROCLAIMED this 14th day of June 2018.

CRAIG MORGAN, Mayor
City of Round Rock