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GLENDALE PROCLAIMS JUNE 19 AS JUNETEENTH

Members from the Black Business Owners Coalition and the city's Inclusion Network recognized

GLENDALE, AZ – At the Tuesday, June 10 regular City Council meeting, Glendale Mayor Jerry P. Weiers proclaimed Thursday, June 19, 2025, as Juneteenth in the city of Glendale. To commemorate the proclamation, the Black Business Owners Coalition, as well as the city of Glendale's Inclusion Network were on-hand to receive the proclamation.

"I encourage our citizens to celebrate Juneteenth each year and urge our residents to take time to learn more about its significance in American history," said Mayor Weiers. "Juneteenth is the celebration of freedom and is the oldest known public celebration of the end of slavery in the U.S."

During the Civil War on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring slaves in rebel territory free. This then paved the way for the ratification of the 13th Amendment, which formally abolished slavery in the U.S. on December 6, 1865.



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