

# City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



## PROCLAMATION

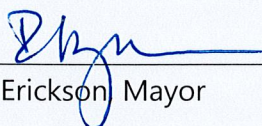
- WHEREAS,** On January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, setting in motion the end of slavery in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** it was not until June 19, 1865, that it was announced to those still enslaved in Texas: "The people are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free"; and
- WHEREAS,** celebration of the end of slavery, which became known as Juneteenth, is the oldest known public celebration of the end of slavery in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and celebrates the successes gained through education and greater opportunity; and
- WHEREAS,** on a larger scale, celebration of Juneteenth reminds each of us of the precious promises of freedom, equality, and opportunity which are at the core of the American Dream; and
- WHEREAS,** our county's Juneteenth Freedom Festival will take place on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at Rotary Evergreen Park in Bremerton. Our People's March will start at 10:45 a.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup> Street stairs of the Norm Dicks Government Center and end at the park. All are welcome.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington,** do hereby proclaim June 19, 2024 as

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in the City of Poulsbo and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing this important initiative. Dated this 22nd day of May, 2024.



  
Rebecca Erickson Mayor