

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 14, 2025, at Evergreen Rotary Park in Bremerton. The People's March will start at 10:15 a.m. at 5th Street and Pacific. All are welcome.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2025 as:

JUNETEENTH

in the City of Poulsbo and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing this important initiative.

Dated this 20th day of May, 2025.





Rebecca Erickson, Mayor