

# Proclamation

## THE CITY OF BATON ROUGE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

**WHEREAS,** The Emancipation Proclamation was signed and issued on January 1, 1863, declaring that all enslaved African Americans in America were to be freed.

**WHEREAS,** The enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation and notice of freedom was delayed and inconsistent in remote areas of America; particularly, in the state of Texas.

**WHEREAS,** On June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1865, more than two and a half years after the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation, General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas to inform enslaved African Americans of their freedom and that the Civil War had ended.

**WHEREAS,** Juneteenth (or June 19) represents the symbolic and historical commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States. Today, Juneteenth also celebrates and highlights the achievements of notable, historical African American figures and encourages the continuous development and accomplishments of the African American community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sharon Weston Broome, Mayor-President of the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge, do hereby proclaim June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to be**

# Juneteenth Day

*In the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge, honoring the anniversary of the last remaining African American slaves and celebrating the cultural and historical contributions of freed African Americans to this country and our City-Parish.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge, to be affixed upon this nineteenth day of June in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty.



**Sharon Weston Broome, Mayor-President  
City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge**