

STATE OF FLORIDA
CITY OF OAKLAND PARK

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 on June 19, 1865, two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued, Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the Civil War had ended and that enslaved people were now 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 where hundreds of communities across the country, people of all races, nationalities and religions join hands to acknowledge the painful history and lasting, systemic impact of slavery and racial injustice in the United States. Juneteenth is an opportunity to recommit ourselves to the goal of creating a more equal and just society, and effort that continues today, and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland Park recognizes the resounding belief of liberty and equality through its Diversity Ambassadors who are committed to open minds, hearts, and thoughts, removing biases and barriers while connecting all corners of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in it by the Charter hereby authorizes Mayor Jane Bolin to proclaim June 19, 2021 as

JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, to be affixed this 16th day of June 2021.

BY: _____
JANE BOLIN, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK