

Proclamation

Juneteenth 2025

June 19, 2025

Whereas, each year, the United States observes Juneteenth (also known as Emancipation Day) as the oldest known celebration that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States; and,

Whereas, the current population of Adams County is approximately 3.5% Black or African American; and,

Whereas, Juneteenth became our newest federal holiday when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act in 2021 and our newest Adams County holiday when the Board of County Commissioners signed a resolution establishing holidays for 2022; now celebrated every June; and,

Whereas, Juneteenth is a blending of the words “June” and “nineteenth;” it commemorates June 19, 1865, the day Union Army Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, and told slaves of their emancipation. That day came more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863; and,

Whereas, Black and African American people continue their rich history of significant and diverse contributions to the cultural, educational, economic, and political vitality of Adams County.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Board of County Commissioners, of the County of Adams, of the State of Colorado, does hereby proclaim June 19, 2025, as

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and encourages all residents to honor the rich diversity of the Black and African American community and remember the many sacrifices that were made for freedom in the United States.