

# OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

By the County Executive  
Of Racine County, Wisconsin

**Whereas:** President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring the slaves in Confederate territory free, paving the way for the passage of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment which formally abolished slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the institution of slavery not only deprived a group of Americans of their freedom and rights, it also prevented the nation as a whole from respecting its ideals and adhering to its most beloved principles; and

WHEREAS, emancipation freed enslaved people and abolished the practice of slavery in the United States, an event of major significance in the development of the nation; and

WHEREAS, federal troops led by United States General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, to announce the end of the Civil War and ensure all enslaved people be freed; and

WHEREAS, a year later the celebration of "Jubilee Day" was established on June 19 in Texas, a precursor to the Juneteenth holiday; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, President Biden signed legislation recognizing Juneteenth as a federal holiday; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have made innumerable contributions to Racine County and its communities throughout history; and

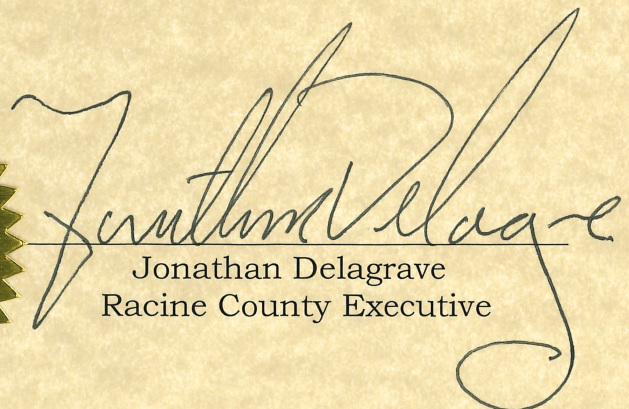
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive of Racine County, hereby proclaim Sunday, June 19, 2022, as

## **"JUNETEENTH DAY"**

in the County of Racine, and I invite all the citizens of Racine County to reflect on the meaning and significance of Juneteenth Day in the United States and commit to ending racism and discrimination as we honor the principles of equality and respect for all.

*Signed at the Courthouse,  
this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022  
at Racine, Wisconsin,*



  
Jonathan Delagrave  
Racine County Executive