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A PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION by the Mayor of the Town of Kenly, North Carolina, declaring June 18, 2022, as the "Day to Celebrate Juneteenth 2022."

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the final Emancipation Proclamation declaring that all enslaved people in the rebellious states in the United States would be then, thenceforward, and forever free; and

WHEREAS, the Civil War ended with the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865; and

WHEREAS, this news reached Texas when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston Bay with Union troops. It was on June 19, 1865, that he announced: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free."

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

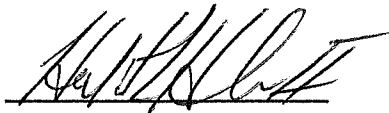
WHEREAS, on a larger scale, celebration of Juneteenth reminds each of us of the precious promises of freedom, equality, and opportunity which are at the core of the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, we recommit ourselves to the work of equity, equality, and justice; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the centuries of struggle, courage, and hope that have brought us to this time of progress and possibility; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Councilman Keith Davis, on behalf of Mayor Tooie Hales and the Town Council of Kenly, do hereby proclaim June 18th as a day to observe and celebrate Juneteenth 2022, and urge all citizens to join in this celebration.

DATED this 13th day of June 2022.



Mayor Herbert Hales, II

ATTEST:



Sharon Evans, Town Clerk