

**City of Hood River, Oregon
Resolution No. 2022- 10**

A Resolution Establishing June 19 as Juneteenth in the City of Hood River

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863 declaring enslaved people in Confederate territory free, paving the way for the passage of the 13th Amendment which formally abolished slavery in the United States of America; and

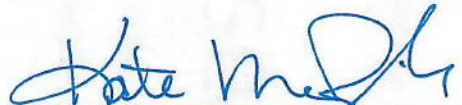
WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States dating back to June 19, 1865 when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas with news of the Civil War ending and enslaved people were now free; and

WHEREAS, US President Joe Biden and Oregon Governor Kate Brown declared Juneteenth a federal and state holiday beginning in 2021; and

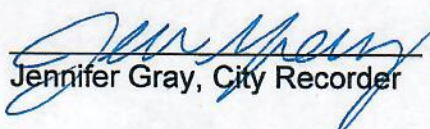
WHEREAS, the Hood River City Council adopted Resolution 2020-13 for Racial and Social Equity within the City of Hood River, which declared that "the values that we hold in our city are inclusive of all people. We will fight discrimination and recklessness in all its forms;" and

WHEREAS, although Juneteenth celebration is specific to the emancipation of African descendants, its message promotes the continued freedom and economic prosperity of individuals from all races, colors, creeds, and cultures and improves upon the nation's promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hood River shall recognize Juneteenth each year on June 19 as an official City holiday on which to reflect upon the past and present harms of racism and inequality and to celebrate values of equality and freedom.


Kate McBride, Mayor

Attest:


Jennifer Gray, City Recorder

Approved as to form:


Daniel Kearns, City Attorney