

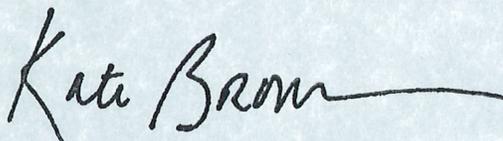
STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring enslaved people in Confederate territory free, paving the way for the passing of the 13th Amendment which formally abolished slavery in the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS:** Word about the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation did not reach authorities and enslaved African-Americans in the South and Southwestern United States until June 19, 1865, two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation; and
- WHEREAS:** Emancipation Day observations are held on different days in different states in the South and Southwest, and in other parts of the nation; and
- WHEREAS:** In 1997, the United States Congress passed Senate Joint Resolution 11 and House Joint Resolution 56, officially recognizing Juneteenth Independence Day; and
- WHEREAS:** June 19<sup>th</sup> which became known as Juneteenth is a celebration of African American freedom and achievement; and
- WHEREAS:** This year Juneteenth carries even more resonance as people across Oregon, the United States and around the world protest systemic racism and proclaim that Black Lives Matter.
- NOW,  
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **June 19, 2020** to be

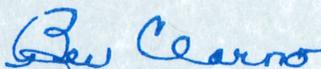
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in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, June 9, 2020.



Kate Brown, Governor



Bev Clarno, Secretary of State

