



# Proclamation

## Juneteenth Day

June 19, 2025

**Whereas**, June 19th is declared as Juneteenth, a nationally recognized day which celebrates the rich culture, legacy and heritage of African American people; and

**Whereas**, Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free; and

**Whereas**, Juneteenth not only commemorates African-American freedom, but it also emphasizes education, self-improvement, and the achievements of the African-American; and

**Whereas**, respect and appreciation for all of our differences grow out of exposure and working together. Getting involved and supporting Juneteenth celebrations creates new bonds of friendship and understanding among us. This indeed, brightens our future - and that is the spirit of Juneteenth; and

**Now, Therefore**, I, Gary Singh, Mayor of the City of Manteca, on behalf of City Council, do proclaim June 19, 2025, as Juneteenth Day in the City of Manteca, and urges all residents to become more aware of the significance of this celebration in Black American History and in the heritage of our nation and City.

**DATE:** June 17, 2025

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Mayor Gary Singh