



## *Office of the Mayor*

### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, On January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, setting in motion the end of slavery in the United States; and

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

**WHEREAS**, The 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."; and

**WHEREAS**, The 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

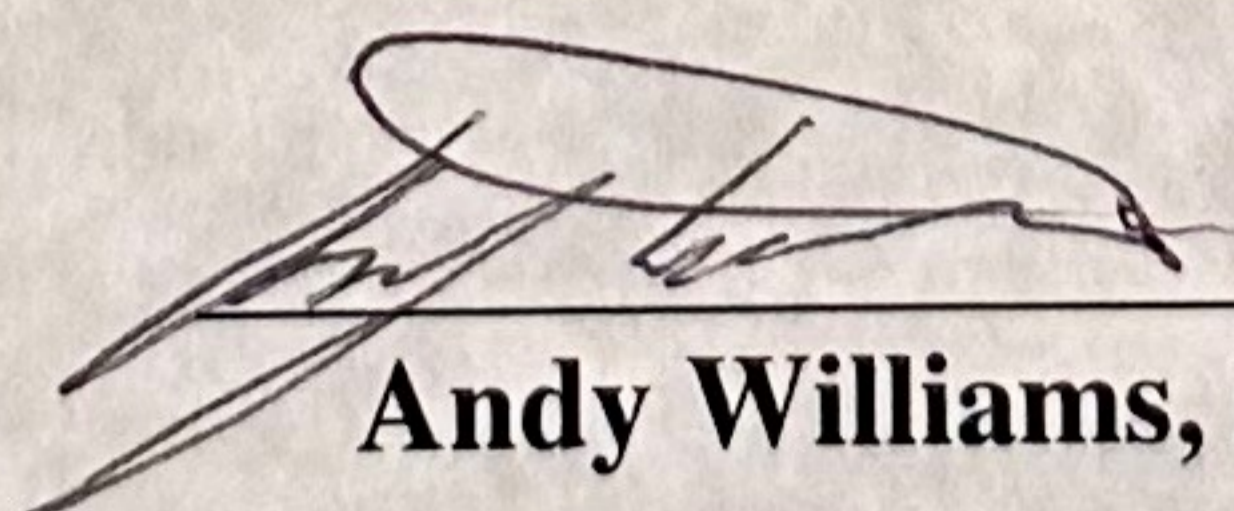
**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and celebrates the successes gained through education and greater opportunity; and

**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.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Andy Williams, Mayor of the City of Nolanville, do hereby proclaim, June 19, 2023, to be designated as

### *"A Celebration of Juneteenth"*

And encourage the citizens of Nolanville to observe the day in ways appropriate to its importance and significance.

  
Andy Williams, Mayor

