



TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK | OFFICE OF THE MAYOR PROCLAMATION



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

WHEREAS, Word about the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was delayed some two and one half years, to June 19, 1865, in reaching authorities and African Americans in the south and southwestern United States; 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, June 19th has a special meaning to African Americans and is called “Juneteenth,” combining the words June and Nineteenth, and has been celebrated by the African American community for more than 150 years; and

WHEREAS, the annual Queen Creek Juneteenth Day Festival in the Town of Queen Creek will take place on the third Saturday in June, 2024.



NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Julia Wheatley, Mayor of the Town of Queen Creek, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2024 as

Juneteenth

In the Town of Queen Creek, and encourage residents to participate in the Juneteenth Festival on Saturday, June 15.

WITNESS MY HAND this 5th day of June 2024.

Julia Wheatley,
Mayor

Maria Gonzalez,
Town Clerk