# ***PROCLAMATION***

*WHEREAS, Our country is made up of people from every nation on earth, who are declared equal not only in freedom but also in justice, both of which are essential for a healthy human civilization; and*

*WHEREAS, Our nation was conceived on July 4th, 1776 with the Declaration of Independence, the classic statement being: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness;" and*

*WHEREAS, On January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, providing that all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State "shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free;" and*

*WHEREAS, On June 19, 1865 Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced the end of both the Civil War and slavery; and*

*WHEREAS, 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; and it serves as a reminder of the further progress we must make towards racial equity.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney, Mayor of the City of Fargo and Johnathan Judd, Mayor of the City of Moorhead, Minnesota do hereby proclaim Friday, June 19th, 2020 as*

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*in the Cities of Fargo, North Dakota and Moorhead, Minnesota and both cities remain fully committed to facilitating further dialogue with all parties who have a true desire to work collaboratively to address racial inequities in the metro community.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fargo, North Dakota to be affixed this 18th day of June, 2020.*

***Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney***
***Mayor***
***Fargo, North Dakota***

***Johnathan Judd***
***Mayor***
***Moorhead, Minnesota***