

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING JUNE 19, 2026, AS “JUNETEENTH NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY” IN THE CITY OF POMONA

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the day when enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, were informed of their freedom—more than two years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth represents a defining moment in American history and a continued reminder of the struggles, sacrifices, and triumphs of African Americans in their pursuit of freedom, dignity, and equality; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pomona proudly joins the nation in observing the 161st Anniversary of Juneteenth, honoring the strength and resilience of generations past and present; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme, *"Juneteenth Brings Balance to America's Celebration of Freedom,"* highlighting the holiday as a core pillar of U.S. independence; and

WHEREAS, the Pomona Valley’s 36th Annual Juneteenth National Freedom celebration continues to serve as a vibrant cultural event that educates, uplifts, and brings together our diverse community through music, art, education, and historical reflection.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA does hereby proclaim June 19, 2026, as

“Juneteenth National Freedom Day”

Let us reaffirm our commitment to justice, equity, and the enduring fight for liberty—for all people.

Dated this 15th day of June 2026