

# City of Statesville, North Carolina

## Office of the Mayor

### Proclamation

**JUNETEENTH**  
**June 19, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 1865, Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced the freedom of enslaved African Americans, marking the effective end of slavery in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth commemorates a pivotal moment in our nation's history and provides an opportunity to reflect upon the struggles, sacrifices, and resilience of African Americans throughout generations; and

**WHEREAS**, this observance honors the pursuit of freedom, recognizes the enduring contributions of African Americans to our nation, state, and community, and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth encourages all Americans to learn from our shared history, acknowledge both the progress achieved and the challenges that remain, and reaffirm our commitment to the principles of liberty, equality, and justice; and

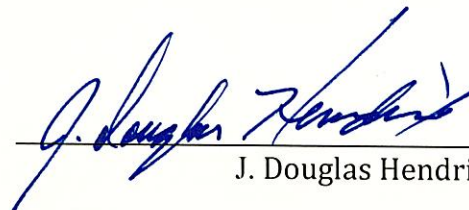
**WHEREAS**, the City of Statesville values the diversity of its residents and recognizes that understanding our history strengthens our community and helps foster mutual respect, civic engagement, and unity; and

**WHEREAS**, the observance of Juneteenth provides an opportunity for residents to come together in remembrance, celebration, education, and service, while honoring the ideals upon which our nation was founded;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Douglas Hendrix, Mayor of the City of Statesville, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2026, as JUNETEENTH in the City of Statesville and encourage all citizens to observe this day through reflection, education, cultural appreciation, and community involvement as we celebrate freedom and continue working toward a more equitable and united future.**



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF* I have set  
my Hand and caused the Great Seal  
of the City of Statesville to be affixed  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026

  
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J. Douglas Hendrix, Mayor