



CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE PROCLAMATION

Juneteenth Awareness Day

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, observed on June 19th, commemorates the day in 1865 when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and informed enslaved African Americans that the Civil War had ended and they were free, more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States, representing a significant moment in American history and a powerful reminder of the ongoing journey toward justice, equity, and freedom for all people; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a time to reflect on the struggles and resilience of African Americans throughout our nation's history, to honor the contributions of Black individuals to our society, culture, and democracy, and to recommit ourselves to the ongoing work of eliminating racial disparities and building a more just and inclusive community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lathrup Village recognizes the importance of promoting awareness, education, and understanding of the historical significance of Juneteenth, and affirms its commitment to standing in solidarity with our diverse community in the pursuit of racial equity and social justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Kantor, Mayor of the City of Lathrup Village, on behalf of the City Council and our residents, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2026, as JUNETEENTH AWARENESS DAY in the City of Lathrup Village, Michigan and encourage all citizens to learn more about the history and legacy of Juneteenth, to honor the ongoing contributions of African Americans to our community and our nation, and to join in activities and conversations that promote equality, understanding, and unity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lathrup Village to be affixed this 18th day of May 2026.

Bruce Kantor

Mayor, City of Lathrup Village