

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS  
**PROCLAMATION**

**CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH  
JUNE 19**

**WHEREAS,** Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the day enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, were informed of their freedom, marking a defining moment in our nation's history and the ongoing pursuit of liberty and justice for all; and

**WHEREAS,** Juneteenth is both a celebration of freedom and a time of reflection, honoring the resilience, achievements, and enduring contributions of African Americans who have helped shape and strengthen our nation and communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Naperville recognizes the importance of fostering a welcoming and inclusive community where people are respected, valued, and encouraged to build understanding through dialogue and shared experiences; and

**WHEREAS,** Naperville Neighbors United remains committed to bringing the community together through cultural awareness, connection, and civic engagement, and invites residents and visitors alike to attend the 2026 Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Rotary Hill, featuring music, food, cultural experiences, storytelling, and family activities that honor the meaning and legacy of Juneteenth; and

**WHEREAS,** Juneteenth serves as a reminder of the importance of unity, equality, and continued progress as we work together to build a stronger and more connected community for future generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mayor Scott Wehrli, Mayor of the City of Naperville, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2026, as **Juneteenth Day** in the City of Naperville and encourage all residents to recognize and honor this important day through reflection, service, and community engagement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Naperville this 2nd day of June 2026.



Scott Wehrli, Mayor

