

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

**JUNETEENTH DAY  
JUNE 19, 2025**

**WHEREAS,** Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, commemorates June 19, 1865, the date when enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, finally received word of their freedom—more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation; and

**WHEREAS,** Juneteenth stands as a powerful reminder of the enduring strength, courage, and resilience of African American communities throughout our nation's history, and it encourages us all to reflect on our shared journey toward freedom, justice, and equality for all; and

**WHEREAS,** City of Naperville recognizes and honors the cultural, historical, and social significance of Juneteenth as a time to celebrate Black culture and heritage, acknowledge past and present struggles, and reaffirm our collective commitment to building a more inclusive and equitable future; and

**WHEREAS,** Naperville Neighbors United invites the entire community to come together for the 2025 Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 14, from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Rotary Hill, featuring music, storytelling, food, family activities, and opportunities for reflection and connection in honor of this important day.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Scott Wehrli, Mayor of the City of Naperville, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2025, as Juneteenth Day in Naperville, and encourage all residents to join in commemorating this vital part of American history, to learn from our past, and to celebrate the progress we continue to make together.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Naperville on this 3rd day of June 2025.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Wehrli", is written over a horizontal line.

Scott Wehrli, Mayor