



## *Office of the Mayor*

### PROCLAMATION

#### Juneteenth Day

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States, dating back to June 19, 1865, when Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, arrived in Galveston, Texas with news that the Civil War had ended and that the enslaved were now free; and

**WHEREAS**, this significant moment occurred more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, and Juneteenth has become a day to recognize the achievements, contributions, and culture of African Americans across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth is both a celebration and a call to continue the pursuit of freedom, justice, and equality for all people, encouraging reflection, education, and unity; and

**WHEREAS**, the NAACP Killeen Branch #6189 has long served as a steadfast leader in the advancement of civil rights, community empowerment, and advocacy for African American citizens across Central Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nolanville values diversity, equity, and inclusion, and proudly recognizes the NAACP Killeen Branch #6189 for its continued leadership in promoting these principles through education, advocacy, and community engagement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Andy Williams, Mayor of Nolanville, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2025 as **JUNETEENTH DAY** in the City of Nolanville, and encourage all residents to honor this day by participating in community events, reflecting on our shared history, and celebrating freedom, especially alongside our partners at the NAACP Killeen Branch #6189.

**IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF**, I hereby affix my signature this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

*Juneteenth Day*



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Andy Williams, Mayor