

## Proclamation of the Town of Rolesville

## Recognizing Juneteenth 2025

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, and Emancipation Day, is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** on June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, to announce the enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation, which had been signed by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863, declaring that all enslaved people in Confederate-held territory were to be set free; and

WHEREAS, this significant day marks the end of slavery in the United States and symbolizes freedom, resilience, and the ongoing pursuit of equality for all people; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a time to honor the contributions of African Americans to the cultural, economic, and social fabric of our nation, while also recognizing the struggles they have faced in the journey toward true freedom and equality; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrating Juneteenth provides an opportunity for reflection, education, and unity as we honor the past and work together toward a more just and inclusive society; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Rolesville stands committed to promoting equality, diversity, and inclusion for all its residents, acknowledging the significant contributions of its African American community;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Ronnie Currin, Mayor for the Town of Rolesville, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2025, as JUNETEENTH in the Town of Rolesville and encourage all residents to join in celebrating this important day, reflecting on the progress made and the work that still lies ahead in the pursuit of true freedom and equality.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 3rd day of June 2025.

Ronnie I Currin, Mayor

Christina Ynclan, Town Clerk

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