

**MAT-SU BOROUGH
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION
Juneteenth**

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, the last enslaved African Americans in Texas learned that they were free, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth marks an important moment in our nation's history and celebrates the freedom of those who had been enslaved; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth reminds us of the importance of liberty, equality, and opportunity for all people; and

WHEREAS, this day provides an opportunity to learn from our history, honor the contributions of African Americans, and reflect on the progress our nation has made; and

WHEREAS, communities across the country observe Juneteenth through education, remembrance, and celebration;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edna DeVries, Mayor of the Mat-Su Borough, do hereby proclaim. June 19, 2026, as

JUNETEENTH DAY

in the Mat-Su Borough and encourage all residents to take time to reflect on the meaning of freedom, appreciate the diversity of our community, and celebrate the values that bring us together.

DATED this 16th day of June, 2026.

EDNA DeVRIES, *Mayor*

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, *CMC, Borough Clerk*