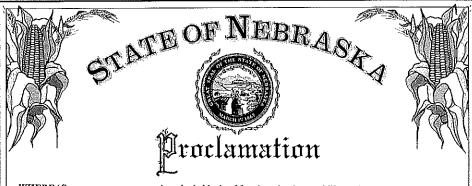
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ADOPTED DODGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE 2022 BOARD APPROVED HOLIDAYS

DAY OBSERVED	DAY OF THE WEEK	HOLIDAY
As approved by Official or Department Head	Observed in current calendar year	Floating Employee Day
December 31, 2021	Friday	New Year's Day
January 17	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 21	Monday	Presidents' Day
May 30	Monday	Memorial Day
June 20	Monday	Juneteenth
July 4	Monday	Independence Day
September 5	Monday	Labor Day
October 10	Monday	Columbus Day
November 11	Friday	Veterans' Day
November 24 & 25	Thursday & Friday	Thanksgiving Day
December 26	Monday	Christmas Day



WHEREAS,

America's ideals of freedom, justice, and liberty for all were not afforded African slaves which led to their enslavement from 1619 to 1863; and

WHEREAS,

On January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln, in order to right a grievous wrong, signed the Emancipation Proclamation freeing slaves in those southern states which sought to challenge the collective future of our republic; and

WHEREAS,

President Lincoln's action would give Africans the long awaited freedom that the country's ideals had promised and end one of the ugliest chapters in the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS,

On June 19, 1865, nearly two-and -a-half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, the news of Lincoln's act reached slaves in Texas, particularly Galveston, where Union Major General Gordon Granger read General Order 3 stating that all slaves in the United States were now free; and

WHEREAS,

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery in the United States and it is a celebration of freedom, justice, and equality for all Americans; and

WHEREAS,

The descendants of those liberated slaves and other freedom fighters in communities all across the United States come together to celebrate Juneteenth as a day of independence and pride, ever mindful of their continuing struggle.

WHEREAS,

In light of bipurtisun federal legislation that is expected to be signed by the President, Juneteenth shall be a state holiday in Nebraska, and state offices will be closed on Friday, June 18, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the 19th day of June, 2021 as



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in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance, and order state agencies to recognize Juneteenth as a state holiday.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Seventeenth day of June, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-one.

Attest:

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Secretary of State

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