



# St. Charles Parish

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### **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 1865 two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation became official (January 1, 1863) Major-General Gordon Granger landed in Texas with news that the war had ended and the slaves were now free; and,

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery; and,

**WHEREAS**, June 19<sup>th</sup> (Juneteenth) was originated in Galveston, Texas in 1865 as the African American Emancipation Day and has spread across the United States and beyond; and,

**WHEREAS**, Today, Juneteenth commemorates African American Freedom and emphasizes Education and Achievement; and,

**WHEREAS**, It is a time for reflection and rejoicing; for assessment, self-improvement and planning the future; and,

**WHEREAS**, In cities across the country people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to truthfully acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 21, 2003 AS**

**"JUNETEENTH-AFRICAN AMERICAN EMANCIPATION DAY"**

**IN THE PARISH OF ST. CHARLES.**

ALBERT D. LAQUE  
PARISH PRESIDENT

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