

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF

DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, *each June, we undergo a time of reflection and family reunion, to commemorate the freeing of formerly enslaved individuals in the United States; and*

WHEREAS, *we reflect on both bondage and freedom – we recognize the extraordinary capacity to heal, hope, and emerge stronger; and*


WHEREAS, *the City of Des Plaines is proud to join our country in recognizing Juneteenth to remember the sacrifice of all enslaved people who fought for their freedom, and all the individuals who used their freedom to fight to end slavery; and*

WHEREAS, *we acknowledge the contributions of African Americans to the City of Des Plaines and encourage residents to learn from our history, celebrate our progress, and engage in the work that continues.*

Now, therefore, I, ANDREW GOCZKOWSKI, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2024 as

JUNETEENTH DAY

Dated this 17th day of June, 2024



Andrew Goczkowski, Mayor