

# PROCLAMATION

OF THE BURIEN CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON, PROCLAIMING

## Proclamation of Juneteenth 2020

WHEREAS, the City of Burien acknowledges the notice of freedom given to the slaves of the state of Texas on June 19, 1865; and

WHEREAS, we give honor and respect on this day to the suffering of our ancestors and we acknowledge the evils of slavery and its aftermath; and

WHEREAS, we think about the moment in 1888 when 300 Black men were determined to escape the terrorism of the post-Civil War South as they boarded trains for the Washington territory and settled in King County mining camps; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that post-World War II funding programs that provided a path to homeownership for White Americans, combined with discriminatory real estate practices, excluded many Black Americans from living or purchasing homes in certain neighborhoods in the Seattle and Burien areas; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Odom, a Black woman born in Louisiana, was a beloved teacher at Lake Burien Memorial Elementary School for many years, and was instrumental to the formation of Plymouth Housing Group who named a shelter in downtown Seattle in her honor; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge African American freedom, contributions, and achievements within this community, past and present; and

WHEREAS, we commit to working together toward equity for all in expanding economic, educational, and career opportunities for all those in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON DOES HEREBY ASK ALL CITY OF BURIEN RESIDENTS TO JOIN TOGETHER TO PROCLAIM

**June 19, 2020, JUNETEENTH 2020**

IN THE CITY OF BURIEN

AND URGE ALL RESIDENTS TO JOIN US IN THIS CELEBRATION.

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

**Mayor Jimmy Matta**

Deputy Mayor Krystal Marx  
Councilmember Pedro Olguin  
Councilmember Cydney Moore

Councilmember Kevin Schilling  
Councilmember Nancy Tosta  
Councilmember Sofia Aragon



Mayor Jimmy Matta, City of Burien

