



June 17, 2022

Greetings City of Dallas Family,

This coming Sunday, June 19, 2022 is Juneteenth National Independence Day, which commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. This year marks the 157th anniversary of the day that the last African American slaves were freed in Texas in the wake of the Civil War. The name Juneteenth is a combination of the words June and nineteenth and is the oldest known holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. I encourage you to visit City Hall Lobby to view the official Juneteenth flag that was unveiled by City Council on Wednesday June 15. The Juneteenth flag will also fly at other City facilities for the remainder of June. As part of the FY 2022 adopted budget, the City added Monday, June 20 as a paid holiday to observe Juneteenth National Independence Day.

In partnership with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the City held the first naturalization ceremony in recent decades on Tuesday, June 14 in the City Hall Flag Room. Thirty Dallas residents from fifteen different countries were sworn in as United States citizens. This ceremony is part of events happening throughout the month to celebrate Immigrant Heritage Month. Dallas employees are encouraged to participate and share their immigration story by filling out a form at: <https://bit.ly/IHMDallas22>.

Finally, I want to acknowledge recent events related to my role as City Manager. Periodic performance review is critical to me and all City employees to demonstrate progress and ensure transparency for our residents, taxpayers, and stakeholders. I am proud of the hard work, dedication, and commitment of the 13,000 City employees who make our goals a reality. In spite of the ongoing pandemic, I know we have worked tirelessly over the past two and a half years to meet the needs of our residents and stakeholders with empathy, ethics, excellence, and equity. I am proud to be your City Manager.

As always, thank you for everything each of you do for our residents and enjoy your long weekend!

In the Spirit of Excellence,



T.C. Broadnax
City Manager