

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863, ordered and declared that all persons held as slaves, in states then in rebellion, are henceforward and forever free; and

WHEREAS, the emancipation of said enslaved people was not an end within itself, but the beginning of a long struggle for equality and justice that continues today; and

WHEREAS, the emancipation of the enslaved people has significant importance to the total and entire history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Holly Springs is committed to unity across towns, backgrounds, and lived experiences; and

WHEREAS, Holly Springs stands with our neighboring municipalities in support of justice, community, and the well-being of all residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Kondratick, Mayor of the Town of Holly Springs, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 1, 2026 as

Jubilee Day

In Holly Springs and commend its observance to all residents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Holly Springs, North Carolina to be affixed on this 1st day of January, 2026.

Michael D. Kondratick, Mayor