

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-83

PROCLAIMING JUNE 19 OF EACH YEAR AS JUNETEENTH AND A COUNTY HOLIDAY

On Tuesday May 24, 2022, on motion of Supervisor Hagman, duly seconded by Supervisor Rutherford and carried, the following resolution is adopted by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California.

WHEREAS, June 19th, Juneteenth, marks the day in 1865 that enslaved Americans in Galveston, Texas received news that President Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation two years earlier and that they were free from slavery, entitled to the same rights as all other Americans; and

WHEREAS, President Joseph R. Biden proclaimed June 19, 2021 as Juneteenth Day of Observance, making it the newest national holiday, and called upon the people of the United States to “commit together to eradicate systemic racism that still undermines our founding ideals and collective prosperity”; and

WHEREAS, California Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed June 19, 2021 as “Juneteenth National Freedom Day: A Day of Observance”; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth has a special meaning and has been celebrated by the Black Community for over 150 years; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth honors the principles of the Declaration of Independence and celebrates the achievements and contributions Black Americans have made, and continue to make, in San Bernardino County and across our nation; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth has been celebrated as a time to recommit to the work of equity, equality, and justice; and

WHEREAS, observing Juneteenth is in alignment with the County’s declared commitment to equity as embodied in the addition of equity as an element of the Countywide Vision to recognize the freedom and dignity of every human being; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors partnered with County employee organizations to establish Juneteenth as a County Government holiday.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, does hereby declare Juneteenth a County holiday and encourages everyone to observe June 19th as a day to celebrate that race, ethnicity, heritage, or belief should never stand in the way of freedom.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Janice Rutherford, Dawn Rowe,
Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

NOES: SUPERVISORS: None

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS: None

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY) ss.

I, **LYNNA MONELL**, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the record of the action taken by the Board of Supervisors, by vote of the members present, as the same appears in the Official Minutes of said Board at its meeting of May 24, 2022. #4, CCM.

LYNNA MONELL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy