

COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

PROCLAMATION

JUNETEENTH

WHEREAS, the Cosumnes Community Services District promotes a welcoming environment, and is dedicated to saving lives and enriching the lives of the residents we serve; and

WHEREAS, in August 1619 the first documented African people arrived in the English colony of Virginia. They were on their way to Veracruz, Mexico, aboard a Spanish ship when they were captured off the coast of Mexico and transported to Virginia, where they were sold as involuntary laborers or indentured servants; and

WHEREAS, after the Union Army captured New Orleans in 1862, slave owners in Confederate States migrated to Texas with more than 150,000 enslaved persons. For 3 years even after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation effective on January 1, 1863, declaring all enslaved people “are, and henceforward shall be free”, enslaved Americans in Texas remained illegally deprived of their freedom and basic dignity; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation and free the last enslaved Black Americans in Texas. Former slaves in Galveston rejoiced in the streets with jubilant celebrations. June 19th, became known as “Juneteenth,” a name derived from blending the words “June” and “nineteenth”; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2021, President Joe Biden signed legislation officially designating Juneteenth as a federal holiday; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes culture, education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas, a month marked with celebrations and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement, and for planning the future; and

WHEREAS, the Cosumnes Community Services District acknowledges this shared history and commits itself to the principles of equity, and is actively dedicated to diversity and inclusion initiatives in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors does hereby proclaim June 19, 2023, as a day to commemorate **JUNETEENTH** and urge all members of our diverse community to help further the promise of freedom and equality for all by supporting and promoting this observance.

DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 7th day of June 2023, in Elk Grove, California.



Gil Albani, President



Jim Luttrell, Vice President

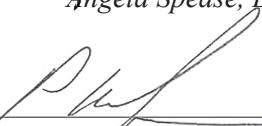


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