



Legislation Text

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Memorandum

Date: June 18, 2024
To: The Honorable Lake County Board of Supervisors
From: Administrative Office
Subject: Adopt Proclamation Recognizing June 19, 2024, as Juneteenth National Freedom Day: A Day of Observance

Executive Summary:

RECOGNIZING JUNE 19, 2024, AS JUNETEENTH
NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY: A DAY OF OBSERVANCE

WHEREAS, on June 19th each year, we look back to this day in 1865, on which Union General Gordon Granger led troops into Galveston, Texas, to announce the end of the Civil War and the insidious institution of slavery. Thousands of enslaved people in Texas - among the last to learn of their independence - tasted hard-won freedom for the first time; and

WHEREAS, over the next several decades, African Americans who journeyed out of the South seeking better lives brought Juneteenth celebrations with them. The thousands who settled in California, especially in Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area, taught our state that America's struggle for independence did not end in 1776 or 1865, but continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, take time to reflect on the ongoing cause of freedom for Black Americans - remembering that, though General Granger's announcement in 1865 called for "absolute equality," that vision was, and remains, far from complete; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a profoundly significant American celebration of freedom, symbolizing the end of the oppressive era of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, let us celebrate how far we have come and take stock of how far we must go, and honor all those who have lived and died in pursuit of a more perfect union.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Lake County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize June 19, 2024, as Juneteenth National Freedom Day: A Day of Observance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of June 2024.

If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:

Estimated Cost: _____ Amount Budgeted: _____ Additional Requested: _____ Future Annual Cost: _____

Consistency with Vision 2028 (check all that apply):

Not applicable

- Well-being of Residents
- Economic Development
- Community Collaboration

- Public Safety
- Infrastructure
- Business Process Efficiency

- Disaster Prevention, Preparedness, Recovery
- County Workforce
- Clear Lake

Recommended Action: Adopt Proclamation Recognizing June 19, 2024, as Juneteenth National Freedom Day: A Day of Observance