



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JUNE 19, 2026 AS

Juneteenth

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the United States declared that all people are created equal, even as the institution of slavery denied that promise to generations of African Americans who were forcibly taken from their homelands and subjected to inhumane conditions; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation declaring that all enslaved people in Confederate states were free, yet it was not until June 19, 1865, when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas and issued General Order No. 3 that the last enslaved African Americans learned of their freedom; and

WHEREAS, **Juneteenth** has since been celebrated as a day of remembrance, reflection, and celebration of freedom, honoring the resilience, culture, and contributions of Black Americans throughout history; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo has taken meaningful steps to advance racial equity, including recognizing **Juneteenth** as a County holiday and affirming its commitment to promoting equity, inclusion, and opportunity for all residents; and

WHEREAS, **Juneteenth** is an opportunity to celebrate the rich history, culture, and contributions of Black communities in San Mateo County, including in East Palo Alto, where generations of leaders, families, and organizations have shaped the cultural and civic fabric of the region; and

WHEREAS, the East Palo Alto **Juneteenth** Planning Committee organizes a multi-day community celebration that brings residents together through events including a Friday night Jubilee, a Saturday community celebration at Bell Street Park, and a Sunday Gospel Showcase, creating space for education, reflection, and joy across generations; and

WHEREAS, these events reflect a shared commitment to community, culture, and unity, embodied in the spirit of “One Community • One Culture • One Celebration,” and serve as an important reminder of the ongoing work to build a more just and inclusive society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates June 19, 2026, as **Juneteenth** and calls upon all the people of San Mateo County to observe this important date as a celebration of the resilience of Black Americans and an opportunity for education about the true history of this country, and directs that the **Juneteenth** flag be displayed on a flag pole in County Center during all business days of the month of June 2026, and that the County Executive is authorized and directed to cause the **Juneteenth** flag to be displayed during the same time period on flag poles at other appropriate locations under the ownership or control of the County of San Mateo, consistent with the purpose and intent of this Proclamation.

Dated: June 9, 2026

SUPERVISORS:

NOELLA CORZO, PRESIDENT

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ATTEST: _____
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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