

# PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JUNE 19, 2022 AS

## JUNETEENTH

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**WHEREAS**, on July 4, 1776 the thirteen United States of America pronounced in their Declaration of Independence the self-evident truth that all men are created equal, even as those states continued to allow the cruel and inhumane enslavement of African people stolen from their homelands; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1807, the United State Congress passed a statute prohibiting the importation of enslaved people as of January 1, 1808, but did not abolish the institution of slavery; and

**WHEREAS**, later that century in 1863 during the Civil War, President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation declaring that “all persons held as slaves” within the states then in a state of rebellion “are, and henceforth shall be free”; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the slow advance of Union troops into the Confederacy, enslaved people in Texas did not know of the signing of the proclamation and their subsequent freedom until Union General Gordon Granger issued General Order No. 3 on June 19, 1865; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1866 formerly enslaved people and their allies began commemorating the anniversary of the issuance of General Order No. 3 on June 19, calling the date Juneteenth, with celebrations spreading throughout the South and the country over the next century and a half; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 3, 2022, this Board introduced and subsequently adopted an ordinance to designate Juneteenth as a holiday to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates June 19, 2022 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.

**Dated:** June 14, 2022

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors