

Proclamation

Juneteenth
June 19, 2022

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates an extraordinary moment in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring the slaves in Confederate territory free, paving the way for the passing of the 13th Amendment which formally abolished slavery in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger led troops into Galveston, Texas, to announce the end of the Civil War and the insidious institution of slavery; and

WHEREAS, the joyous commemorations that began in Texas spread around the nation, with cities and communities in California joining in celebration of this milestone in the ongoing American journey toward freedom for all; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, the State of California has celebrated Juneteenth as a day to honor and reflect on the significant contributions of Black Americans to our nation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City honors and celebrates the vibrant culture and leadership that Black Americans bring to the community; and


WHEREAS, we celebrate this "freedom day" to promote and enhance the unity and spiritual strength that brought African Americans out of slavery and sustained their dignity and prosperity to the present day; and

WHEREAS, with Equity as the City's top guiding principle, we are committed to ensuring inclusion, diversity, compassion and respect for all.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, GISELLE HALE, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the people of the City of Redwood City, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2022 as Juneteenth in Redwood City and urge all community members to join us in observing this pivotal day in American history, and in strengthening our commitment to racial equity in Redwood City and beyond.

Date: June 16, 2022







Giselle Hale, Mayor



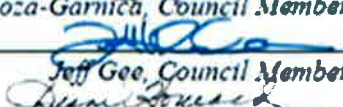
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