

# Resolution No. 2025-124

## RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING JUNE 19, 2025, AS JUNETEENTH DAY IN SOLANO COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE DISPLAYING THE JUNETEENTH FLAG AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING

**WHEREAS**, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that all persons held as slaves "within the rebellious states are, and henceforward shall be free"; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 1865, some two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, and nearly nine decades after our Nation's founding, the enslaved in Galveston, Texas, finally received word from Union troops that the more than 250,000 slaves in Texas were free from bondage; and

**WHEREAS**, the formerly enslaved were recognized for the first time as citizens and not property; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 6, 1865, with the ratification of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment, slavery in the United States was formally abolished; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1866, former slaves in Texas organized the first of what became the annual celebration of "Jubilee Day" on June 19, that celebration is now known as Juneteenth; and

**WHEREAS**, it has taken decades of struggle and collective efforts before African Americans were granted equal treatment and protection under the law; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth, sometimes referred to as Emancipation Day or Freedom Day, is a celebration of African American resilience, achievement, and a preservation of those historical narratives that promoted racial and personal advancement since Freedom Day; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth was an often-overlooked event in our nation's history; however, in 2021, President Biden signed a bill declaring June 19th as a federal holiday, officially known as "Juneteenth National Independence Day":

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors recognize June 19<sup>th</sup> as Juneteenth Day in Solano County, authorizes displaying the Juneteenth Flag at the County Administrative Building, encourages all citizens to become more mindful of the significance of this celebration in American history, and to recommit to the shared responsibility of guaranteeing liberty and equal rights for all Americans.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2025



A handwritten signature of Mitch H. Mashburn in blue ink.

MITCH H MASHBURN, Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
BILL EMLEN, Clerk  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: A handwritten signature of Alicia Draves in blue ink.  
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk