

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 13th 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 19th 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 3rd day of June 2025



MITCH H MASHBURN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BILL EMLÉN, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By:
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk