

Resolution No. 2026-

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING JUNE 19TH 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, more than two and a half years after the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation, Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced that more than 250,000 enslaved Black people in Texas were free from bondage; and

WHEREAS, the end of slavery marked a defining moment in the Nation’s history and affirmed the recognition of formerly enslaved individuals as citizens rather than property; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 1865, the ratification of the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution formally abolished slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1866, formerly enslaved Texans organized the first annual “Jubilee Day” celebration on June 19, a tradition now widely recognized as Juneteenth; and

WHEREAS, generations of African Americans continued to struggle for equal rights, justice, and protection under the law, contributing immeasurably to the civic, cultural, economic, and social advancement of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day or Freedom Day, honors African American resilience, achievement, and the preservation of historical narratives that recognize the ongoing pursuit of liberty, equality, and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth was historically overlooked in many parts of the Nation until growing public recognition led to broader acknowledgment of its historical significance; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, President Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law, officially recognizing June 19 as a federal holiday.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes June 19 as Juneteenth Day in Solano County, authorizes the display of the Juneteenth Flag at the County Administrative Building, encourages all residents to reflect upon the significance of this day in American history, and recommits to the shared responsibility of advancing liberty, equality, and justice for all.

Dated this 9th day of June 2026

MONICA E. BROWN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
IAN M. GOLDBERG, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk