

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of a Resolution
Establishing Juneteenth as a
County Holiday

Board Resolution No. 2020-59
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Whereas, Clackamas County acknowledges the discriminatory, traumatic and generational harm caused by 400 years of slavery.

Whereas, Juneteenth is the annual observation recognizing the Emancipation Proclamation, which occurred on January 1, 1863 but all remaining slaves in Texas received the news on June 19, 1865. On this day 42 states in the US including the District of Columbia commemorate the abolition of legal slavery which gave all slaves freedom and equal rights. This day is also known as Freedom Day and Emancipation Day and is honored in African American communities nationwide.

Whereas, Juneteenth is the oldest observed celebration commemorating the abolition of slavery in the United States today which celebrates the freedom and achievement of African Americans.

Whereas, Clackamas County is committed to promoting racial healing, reconciliation, restoration, justice and equitable opportunities of all people.

NOW THEREFORE, the Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners proclaims as follows:

1. June 19th shall be a County holiday known as Juneteenth. The Board of County Commissioners encourages all residents, institutions, businesses and community groups to observe Juneteenth as a day of remembrance and celebration.

DATED this 9th day of July, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Chair



Recording Secretary