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Board of County Commissioners
 Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

A Board Resolution Establishing Juneteenth as a County Holiday

Purpose/Outcomes	<i>Beginning in 2021, the Board Resolution establishes June 19th as a County holiday to be known as Juneteenth</i>
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	<i>Approximately \$100,000.</i>
Funding Source	<i>County General Fund</i>
Duration	<i>Indefinitely</i>
Previous Board Action	<i>The Board of County Commissioners gave preliminary support for establishing Juneteenth as a County holiday at its policy session on June 23, 2020.</i>
Counsel Review	<i>Reviewed by Stephen Madkour</i>
Strategic Plan Alignment	<i>Build public trust through good government Grow a vibrant economy Ensure safe, healthy and secure communities</i>
Contact Person	<i>County Administrator, Gary Schmidt and County Counsel, Stephen L. Madkour at 503-742-5391</i>
Contract No.	<i>N/A</i>

BACKGROUND:

Juneteenth is the oldest celebration commemorating the abolition of slavery in the United States today which celebrates the freedom and achievements of African Americans. Clackamas County acknowledges the impacts of slavery and is committed to promoting racial healing, reconciliation, restoration, justice and equitable opportunities of all people. The Board finds that a County holiday will encourage all residents to remember and celebrate this important historical event.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully requests that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the proposed Board Resolution establishing Juneteenth as a County holiday to be first recognized on June 19, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Madkour
County Counsel

Gary Schmidt
County Administrator

Attachments:
Proposed Board Resolution

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

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



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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