



**WHEREAS**, ON JANUARY 1, 1863, PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN ISSUED THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION, SETTING IN MOTION THE END OF SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES; AND

**WHEREAS**, ON JUNE 19, 1865, UNION SOLDIERS MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN GALVESTON, TEXAS THAT THE REMAINING ENSLAVED AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE UNITED STATES WERE FREED; AND

**WHEREAS**, JUNETEENTH RECOGNIZES THE EMANCIPATION OF THE LAST REMAINING ENSLAVED AFRICAN AMERICANS AND COMMEMORATES THE END OF SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES AND IS REFERRED TO AS FREEDOM DAY AND EMANCIPATION DAY; AND

**WHEREAS**, WHILE AFRICAN AMERICANS HAVE BEEN AFFORDED LEGAL FREEDOMS, OVERT INSTITUTIONAL/SYSTEMIC RACISM PERSISTS AND IS MANIFESTED IN DISPARITIES REGARDING WEALTH, INCOME, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, HEALTH CARE, POLITICAL POWER, EDUCATION, AND OPPORTUNITY AMONG OTHER FACTORS; AND

**WHEREAS**, WE KNOW VENTURA COUNTY CITIZENS VALUE OUR DIVERSITY, CULTURES AND HERITAGE, AND WE STAND IN SOLIDARITY AGAINST RACISM WHEREVER IT IS FOUND, AND FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND PROTECTION OF AFRICAN AMERICANS TO THRIVE AND CONTRIBUTE THEIR INHERENT VALUE, SKILLS, GIFTS AND ABILITIES TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMY; AND

**WHEREAS**, FOR 33 YEARS, JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION OF VENTURA COUNTY ORGANIZATION, ALONG WITH OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, HAVE HELD THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH AND FREEDOM FROM ENSLAVEMENT WHILE UPLIFTING AND BRINGING CULTURAL AWARENESS; AND

**WHEREAS**, ON A LARGER SCALE, CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH REMINDS EACH OF US OF THE PRECIOUS PROMISES OF FREEDOM, EQUALITY, AND OPPORTUNITY WHICH ARE AT THE CORE OF THE AMERICAN DREAM.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT THE VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZES JUNE 19, 2024 AS JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY IN VENTURA COUNTY, AND HONORS IT AS A DAY TO ALWAYS REMEMBER IN OUR NATION'S PAST AND COMMEMORATE IN OUR CONTINUING EFFORT TOWARD ENSURING FREEDOM, EQUALITY, AND JUSTICE FOR EVERY AMERICAN, AND TAKES GREAT PLEASURE IN HONORING THE JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE.

**PRESENTED ON THIS 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2024**

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CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KELLY LONG, SUPERVISOR 3RD DISTRICT

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MATT LAVERE, SUPERVISOR 1ST DISTRICT

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JEFF GORELL, SUPERVISOR 2ND DISTRICT

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JANICE S. PARVIN, SUPERVISOR 4TH DISTRICT

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VIANEY LOPEZ, SUPERVISOR 5TH DISTRICT