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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL FIFE, COUNCILMEMBER
TREVA REID, AND COUNCILMEMBER KEVIN JENKINS

RESOLUTION IN OBSERVANCE AND CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH 2023 IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, a combination of June and 19th, is a day of celebrating and commemorating the fight for freedom and the official end of chattel slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865 Union General Gordon Granger led his troops to Galveston, Texas to announce General Order No. 3, proclaiming the emancipation of enslaved persons, more than two and half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans throughout the South began celebrating June 19th as a day of independence and the tradition of commemorating this momentous day annually continues throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, as of 2021, Juneteenth has been recognized as a Federal holiday and a City of Oakland holiday beginning in 2023; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that the history of Black people in this country is the history of this country and celebrating Juneteenth allows us to honor and recognize the millions of Black people who have fought for independence, justice, and equity while acknowledging the extensive work that still needs to be done to dismantle racist systems and structures; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the City celebrate the history of Juneteenth and use it as inspiration, as a symbol of hope, and as a catalyst for addressing structural racism and other root causes to create a better future in Oakland; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council observes and celebrates Juneteenth 2023 and commits itself to working towards greater equity and justice in the City of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California