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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 89782 C.M.S.

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

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### RESOLUTION IN OBSERVENCE AND CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH 2023 IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth, a combination of June and 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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,

JUN 20 2023

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - ~~11~~ GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND  
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS - 7

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

Excused - Five

ATTEST:



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