[Celebrating Juneteenth in San Francisco]

Resolution celebrating Juneteenth as a day of reflection, empowerment, and commemoration of Black freedom and excellence in the City and County of San Francisco and urging all San Franciscans to join in honoring this important day.

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as "Juneteenth Independence Day,"

"Emancipation Day," "Emancipation Celebration," and "Freedom Day," is the oldest African

American holiday observance in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, Jubilee Day, Freedom Day, and Black Independence Day, commemorates June 19, 1865, when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced the end of the Civil War and the abolition of slavery in the United States to enslaved Black people and began to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation, which had been issued by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863, more than two years prior; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth has been celebrated annually on June 19th in various parts of the United States since 1865, becoming a time for reflection, rejoicing, and empowerment within African American communities, acknowledging their history, heritage, and resilience; and

WHEREAS, On June 17, 2021, Juneteenth was officially recognized as a federal holiday by President Joe Biden, following the passage of the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act by the United States Congress, acknowledging its profound significance in American history; and

WHEREAS, Following President Joe Biden's Resolution declaring Juneteenth a federal holiday, Mayor London Breed signed an order declaring June 19 an official holiday in San Francisco and encouraged residents to participate in Juneteenth events; and

WHEREAS, Although Juneteenth became a national holiday in 2021, San Francisco has long held events and celebrations for Juneteenth annually since 1950 with a festival and parade along Fillmore Street and celebrations have since expanded to many neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth serves as a reminder of the long and ongoing struggle for Black liberation, justice, and equality, and highlights the continued need to address systemic racism and its impacts on Black communities in San Francisco and beyond especially in the current times; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco celebrates Juneteenth as a vital day of remembrance and action, and urges all San Franciscans to reflect on the enduring contributions of Black Americans to our City and nation; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages all employers, businesses, and institutions in San Francisco to honor Juneteenth as a day of commemoration by closing operations where possible, offering employees paid time off, or providing overtime pay in recognition of the holiday, and supporting opportunities for workers and students to participate in Juneteenth events without adverse consequence; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reaffirms its commitment to advancing equity, dismantling structural racism, and building a San Francisco where freedom, justice, and opportunity become a reality for everyone.



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Resolution

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June 24, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/24/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned 7/3/2025

Daniel Lurie Date Approved
Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

7/3/2025

Date