

PROCLAMATION

OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Recognizing recognizing June 19, 2021 as “Juneteenth - National Freedom Day: A Day of Observance in Mendocino County” in Mendocino County

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring the slaves In Confederate territory free, paving the way for the passing of the 13th Amendment which formally abolished slavery In the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, word about the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was delayed some two and one half years, to June 19, 1865, In reaching authorities and African-Americans In the South and Southwestern United States; and

WHEREAS, Emancipation Day observations are held on different days In different states In the South and Southwest, and In other parts of the nation; and

WHEREAS, June 19th has a special meaning to African-Americans and Is called “JUNETEENTH” combining the words June and Nineteenth, and has been celebrated by the African-American community for over 150 years; and

WHEREAS, this day of reflection shall remind us of the historical struggle for human and civil rights faced by African Americans across the Country and In our community; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County Is committed to work on social justice Issues that affect our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby recognizes June 19, 2021 as “Juneteenth - National Freedom Day: A Day of Observance in Mendocino County”

Dated: June 8, 2021

Dan Gjerde, Chair