

**PROCLAMATION  
OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States, celebrating that day in history, June 19th, 1865; and

**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 Black/African American individuals 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 The Black and African American community, and is called "JUNETEENTH" combining the words June and Nineteenth, and has been celebrated for over 150 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Black history is a part of The United States' history and is important to celebrate as we create safe spaces, representation, inclusion and empowerment for the Black community in Humboldt County; and

**WHEREAS**, this holiday is especially important for Humboldt County, as this community makes up a very small percentage of the population that have and continue to experience various forms of discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, Black Humboldt and the Eureka Chapter of the NAACP will be hosting an array of Black Curated events Thursday June 16th - Monday June 20th with their Plaza party taking place Sunday, June 19th from 12-7 pm. All events are open to the Humboldt community unless specified as exclusive. Come celebrate with your Black community and enjoy food, arts, culture, live music, vendors and a youth zone. This year's theme will be honoring Black fathers and the many forms they show up in, within our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors urges the recognition and of this federal holiday and the significance of this celebration in American History and lineage of those who helped build this country.

DATED: June 7, 2022

Virginia Bass, Chair

