



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

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 by the African-American community for over 150 years; and

WHEREAS, Black Humboldt and the Eureka Chapter of the NAACP will be hosting a virtual celebration on June 19th, featuring black artist performances, vending from businesses owned by Black, Indigenous and People of Color and workshops led by Black professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors urges all citizens to become more aware of the significance of this celebration in Black/African-American History and in the heritage of our nation and county.

DATED: June 23, 2020

ESTELLE FENNELL, Chair