



RESOLUTION #22-20
RECOGNIZING JUNETEENTH

WHEREAS, June 19th is nationally recognized as Juneteenth — the oldest known American celebration of the ending of slavery; and

WHEREAS, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863, Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas on June 19th to announce the Civil War had ended and the enslaved were now free; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth Day celebrations have since been held to commemorate African American freedom from slavery. Honoring this day, more than 150 years later, helps us learn our history and better understand the experiences of African Americans that shaped this nation; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education (Santa Cruz COE) advocates for the continuance of the tradition of celebrating Juneteenth to acknowledge and condemn the atrocities and degradation of our shared past and honors this day of resilience in the face of injustice and inhumanity for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz COE acknowledges the historical relevance of this significant event and the generational trauma that accompanies being subject to racism, discrimination, and prejudice as a barrier to positive mental and physical health and well-being, economic opportunity, and academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz COE remains committed to improving student equity and access to high quality education as well as to providing quality support to districts, schools, students, and communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools recognize and honor June 19th as National Juneteenth and remain committed to inspire equity, create alliances, celebrate diversity, and establish safe environments in our schools and communities throughout the county

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education on this 23rd day of June, 2022, by the following vote:

Resolution #22-20 Recognizing Juneteenth
Santa Cruz County Board of Education
June 23, 2022

AYES: Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen

NAYS:

ABSENT: Acosta, Alto

ABSTAIN:



Abel Sanchez
Board President



Faris M. Sabbah, Secretary
Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools