

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN
JOSE RECOGNIZING JUNETEENTH AS A CITY-
OBSERVED HOLIDAY, EFFECTIVE JUNE 19, 2022**

WHEREAS, June 19th is nationally recognized as Juneteenth and is the oldest known American celebration of the ending of slavery when General Gordon Granger delivered the message in Galveston, Texas that enslaved people were free on June 19, 1865; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is also known as Emancipation Day or Freedom Day and has long been celebrated in the African American community; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act making Juneteenth (June 19th) a federal holiday; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to recognize Juneteenth as a City-observed holiday effective June 19, 2022, which will result in a 15th paid City holiday for eligible City employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

The City of San José proclaims Juneteenth as a City-observed holiday, effective June 19, 2022.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

SAM LICCARDO
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk