

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RIVERSIDE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ESTABLISH THE JUNETEENTH NATIONAL  
INDEPENDENCE DAY, JUNE 19, AS A DISTRICT HOLIDAY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 18 – 21/22**

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 1865, Union soldiers brought news of the end of the Civil War;

**WHEREAS**, the announcement of emancipation to the enslaved people of Galveston, TX, the westernmost Confederate state, where more than 250,000 Black Americans continued to be enslaved;

**WHEREAS**, for more than 150 years, Juneteenth has been celebrated as an Independence Day in Black communities and is considered as a day of observance in recognition of the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States and the District of Columbia;

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth, a combination of the words June and “nineteenth” celebrates freedom and equality for Black Americans and respect for all cultures;

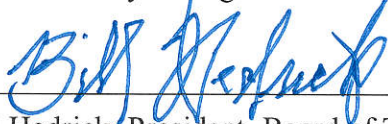
**WHEREAS**, the faith and strength of character demonstrated by former enslaved people and the descendants of former enslaved people remain an example for the people of the United States, regardless of background, religion or race;

**WHEREAS**, on June 17, 2021, President Joseph Biden signed into law the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act (S. 475, Public Law 117-17, June 17, 2021), establishing June 19 as a legal holiday to acknowledge and celebrate the end of the Civil War and the emancipation of Black Americans;

**WHEREAS**, California Education Code Section 79020(d) provides “...community colleges shall close on every day appointed by the President as a public fast, thanksgiving, or holiday, unless it is a special or limited holiday;”

**THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED** that the Juneteenth National Independence Day shall be celebrated as a District holiday as well as observed as a date of historical significance by the District and its colleges annually on June 19.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 14 day of December 2021, at the regular meeting of the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees.



Bill Hedrick, President, Board of Trustees  
Riverside Community College District