

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
OF THE SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**Resolution No. 21  
RECOGNIZING JUNE 19 as JUNETEENTH**

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth commemorates the effective end of slavery in the United States and is also known as Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, and Juneteenth Independence Day; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 1865, Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas, with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free, more than two years after President Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth is a day on which honor and respect is paid for the sufferings of slavery. It is a day on which we acknowledge the evils of slavery and its aftermath. On Juneteenth, we talk about our history and realize because of it, there will forever be a bond between us; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing Juneteenth as a celebration of freedom promotes appreciation of African American history and culture, and encourages continuous self-development and respect for all cultures; and

**WHEREAS**, the recognition of Juneteenth emphasizes the value and dignity of every person and affirms the commitment to respect the human rights of all people. Locally the efforts of Juneteenth Santa Barbara has highlighted local historical achievements and education; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Barbara City College recognizes the importance of celebrating Juneteenth not only as a past reflection but also as a present opportunity to promote racial equity, unity, and cultural understanding among all members of the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Santa Barbara Community College District hereby declares June 19 as “Juneteenth” at Santa Barbara City College and encourages all educational departments and members of the community to observe and celebrate this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that honor the history and contributions of African Americans.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be distributed to all college departments and be made available to the press and public to enhance community awareness and participation.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Trustees of the SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT this 23rd day of May, 2024, by the following vote:

Aye: 6

No:     

Abstain:     

Absent: 1

Concur: 1



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Jonathan Abboud, President  
Santa Barbara Community College District  
Board of Trustees



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Erika Endrijonas, Ph.D.  
Superintendent/President and Secretary/Clerk  
to the Board of Trustees