



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: June 02, 2026

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Proclaiming June 19, 2026 As Juneteenth Day And Recognizing The Martin Luther King/Juneteenth Festival (Countywide)

Whereas, Juneteenth is a day of remembrance, reflection, and celebration, marking the day when enslaved people in Galveston, Texas received word of their freedom on June 19, 1865, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation took effect; and

Whereas, Juneteenth honors the strength, resilience, and enduring contributions of Black communities, while reminding us that freedom, justice, and equality must be protected and advanced in every generation; and

Whereas, the County of Sonoma recognizes Juneteenth as an important opportunity to reflect on our shared history, acknowledge the lasting impacts of slavery and systemic racism, and reaffirm our commitment to dignity, inclusion, and belonging for all; and

Whereas, the Martin Luther King/Juneteenth Festival has long served as a meaningful local celebration rooted in education, culture, community, and the continued pursuit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s vision of justice and equality; and

Whereas, the festival brings together community members of all ages to honor Black history, celebrate diversity, uplift local leadership, and create space for learning, connection, music, art, food, and fellowship; and

Whereas, this community celebration continues to be made possible through the dedication of local organizations, volunteers, artists, educators, families, and community leaders who work to keep the history and spirit of Juneteenth alive in Sonoma County; and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors is proud to recognize the continued leadership of Sonoma County's Black community and partner organizations whose work strengthens civic life, advances equity, and helps build a more just and inclusive Sonoma County; and

Whereas, Juneteenth is not only a celebration of freedom, but also a call to continue the work of justice, truth-telling, healing, and community care;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma hereby proclaims June 19, 2026 as Juneteenth Day in Sonoma County.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board recognizes and celebrates the Martin Luther King/Juneteenth Festival and extends its appreciation to the organizers, partners, volunteers, and community members who continue to honor Black freedom, history, culture, and leadership in Sonoma County.

Supervisors:

Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins: Hermosillo:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.