



**PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 2019 AS  
JUNETEENTH MONTH IN HAYS COUNTY**

**STATE OF TEXAS           §  
  §  
COUNTY OF HAYS       §**

**WHEREAS**, the institution of Black slavery in America began in 1616 with the landing of the first African slaves on our shores and continued officially until President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863; and

**WHEREAS**, although this historic proclamation was issued in 1863, Texas slaves waited two and a half years to receive word of their liberation, when on June 19, 1865, Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger landed at Galveston and announced that all Texas slaves were free; and

**WHEREAS**, the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of June – or Juneteenth – became a day of jubilation and liberation for former slaves and today is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery in our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 13, 1979 Governor William P. Clements signed a bill into law that made the Juneteenth Emancipation Day an official state holiday in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hays County community will celebrate Juneteenth 2019 beginning with Rose Brook's Cake Auction on Thursday, June 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the San Marcos Activity Center; a charity BBQ Cook-off Competition and Music Festival at the San Marcos City Plaza Park from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and at 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>; the Johnnie Armstead Parade through downtown San Marcos beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, and various church celebrations throughout the whole month; and

**WHEREAS**, the Juneteenth Foundation, Inc. Committee will host the Juneteenth festivities featuring a cake auction to raise funds for scholarships; a parade through downtown San Marcos; a charity BBQ cook-off to raise funds for scholarships and other financial needs within the San Marcos community; various church commemorations; games for children; live music; family fun; and the public is invited to participate in all these momentous celebrations;

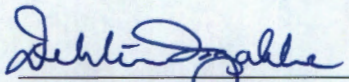
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hays County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim June 2019 as:

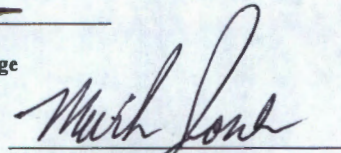
**JUNETEENTH MONTH IN HAYS COUNTY**

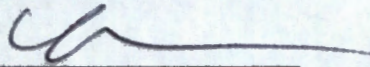
And calls upon the people of Hays County to join in the celebration of this significant event throughout the month and to recognize the importance of Juneteenth to human freedom so cherished by the people of the United States.

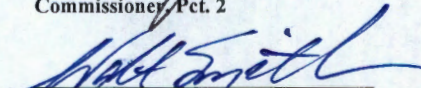
**ADOPTED THIS THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2019**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Ruben Becerra**  
Hays County Judge


  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe**  
Commissioner, Pct. 1

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Mark Jones**  
Commissioner, Pct. 2

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Lon A. Shell**  
Commissioner, Pct. 3

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Walt Smith**  
Commissioner, Pct. 4



**ATTEST:**  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Elaine H. Cárdenas, MBA, PhD**  
Hays County Clerk