



**PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 2022 AS
HAYS COUNTY MONTH LONG CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH**

WHEREAS, the institution of slavery for African people in America began in 1616 with the landing of the first 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 received word of liberation two and a half years later on June 19, 1865 after Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger landed on Galveston Island and announced that all Texas slaves were free; "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor."; and

WHEREAS, the 19th Day of June -- or Juneteenth -- became a day of jubilation and liberation for Texas slaves, and today is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery in our nation. Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, a month marked with celebrations, presentations, cookoffs, and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement and for planning the future. In cities across the country, people of all cultures, nationalities and religions are joining hands to truthfully acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today. Sensitized to the conditions and experiences of others, only then can we make significant and lasting improvements in our society; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Al Edwards, a member of the Texas House of Representatives (Houston), authored and introduced H.B. 1016 in 1978 and on June 13th, 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 Juneteenth Foundation will celebrate Juneteenth with a fish fry on June 3rd at the Dunbar Recreation Center, the annual Rose Brooks Cake Auction at the San Marcos Activity Center on Friday, June 17th at 6 PM, a Unity walk that starts at the LBJ Crossroads Memorial and goes to Dunbar center at 8:30AM on Saturday June 18th, the annual the barbecue cook off on June 17th, 5 PM-10:30 PM and June 18th, 10:30AM – 5PM at Plaza Park with live music, a DJ, and kids activities, and a public viewing of African-American photographs at the LBJ Museum on June 18th and 20th 12PM – 5PM, and

The Dunbar Heritage Association will host "Fathers, Family, and Freedom" a community Juneteenth Celebration honoring Fathers and Juneteenth on Sunday June 19th, 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Dunbar Park, 801 Martin Luther King Drive. There will be food, vendors, crafts and activities for both children and adults, and a silent auction. Music for the celebration will be provided by **Harmony Gospel and Thee Duo** and

The Calaboose African American History Museum will have family events on June 18 from 11:00 AM. to 2:30 PM along with a lecture and book signing by Dr. Daina Ramey Berry at the museum located at 200 W. Martin Luther King Dr. in San Marcos, TX; In celebration of Juneteenth, they are also collecting stories, anecdotes, sayings, short memories, and thoughts that relate to what it was like, or is like, to live in the Dunbar neighborhood; and


WHEREAS, the City of Buda will celebrate Juneteenth on June 18 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Buda Amphitheater & City Park and the City of Kyle in conjunction with Kyle Market Days will celebrate Juneteenth on June 11 at Mary Kyle Hartson Park in Kyle.

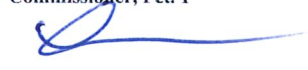
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hays County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim June 2022 as:

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And calls upon the people of Hays County to join together throughout the month of June in honor of this significant date to recognize the importance of Juneteenth to human freedom so cherished by the people of the United States.


ADOPTED THIS THE 7th of DAY OF JUNE 2022

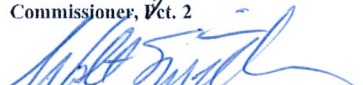

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