RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING JUNETEENTH

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring the slaves in Confederate territory free, paving the way for the passing of the 13th Amendment which permanently abolished slavery in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, it took two and a half years before the Emancipation Proclamation was made effective in Texas, and therefore the enslaved in Texas were not declared free until June 19th, 1865;

WHEREAS, June 19th has a special meaning to African-Americans, and is called "JUNETEENTH" combining the words June and Nineteenth, and has been celebrated by the African-American community for over 150 years; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a day to think about that moment in time when the enslaved in Galveston, Texas received word of their freedom and to acknowledge the suffering of slavery; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is also known as Emancipation Day; and

WHEREAS, annual Juneteenth celebrations in the County of Monterey will take place in Seaside and Salinas on June 19, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that June 19, 2021 is declared

"JUNETEENTH" in the County of Monterey, California.