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## **PROCLAMATION**

### **Juneteenth Day – June 19, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth, the oldest known celebration of the end of slavery in the United States, is observed every year on June 19. Americans will recognize the holiday on Wednesday, June 19, 2025.


**WHEREAS**, the holiday is celebrated on June 19 because that is the day the news of the Emancipation Proclamation reached enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, in 1865; two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, president Joe Biden signed legislation establishing Juneteenth as a federal holiday in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth is a combination of June and 19, the holiday is also known by a few other names, including "Jubilee Day", "Emancipation Day", and "Freedom Day"; and

**WHEREAS**, the original observances included prayer meetings, singing of spirituals, and celebrants wearing new clothes as a way of representing their newfound freedom. Celebrations have continued across the United States into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and typically include prayer and religious services, speeches, educational events, family gatherings, picnics and festivals with music, food, and dancing.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Eastside Union School District Board of Trustees proclaims June 19, 2025, as Juneteenth Day, and encourages all to join us in observance of this special holiday.



Joe Pincetich, Clerk of the Board  
of Trustees  
Eastside Union School District  
June 11, 2025