

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION 2023 –

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 formally abolished slavery in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, word about the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was delayed some two- and one-half years, to June 19, 1865, in reaching authorities and African Americans in the South and Southwestern United States; and

WHEREAS, Emancipations Day observations are held on different days in different dates in the South and Southwest, and on other parts of the nation; and

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim June 19, 2023 as **JUNETEENTH DAY** in Hernando County.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners urges all citizens to become more aware of the significance of this celebration in African American History and in the heritage of our nation and County.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 13th day of June 2023, A.D.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Attest:

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