

Juneteenth Resolution

Whereas, Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States; and

Whereas, though the Emancipation Proclamation was passed by President Abraham Lincoln in January 1865, it wasn't until June 19th, 1865 that Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced the emancipation of the last remaining enslaved people in the country¹; and

Whereas, Santa Clara County is the first county in the state to make Juneteenth a paid county holiday after a unanimous vote from the Board of Supervisors²; and

Whereas, the Foothill-De Anza Community College District is driven by an equity agenda and guided by core values of excellence, inclusion, and sustainability and is committed to providing an accessible, quality undergraduate education dedicated to developing a broadly educated and socially responsible community that supports an equitable and just future for California³; and

Resolved, the Foothill-De Anza Faculty Association calls upon the Foothill-De Anza Community College District to observe Juneteenth (June 19th) as an annual paid holiday, holding no classes or activity on campus that day;

Resolved, the Foothill-De Anza Faculty Association recognizes that observing Juneteenth as a paid holiday will ensure that it is not just a cultural observance, but be given the same credit and significance as is done with any other holiday;

Resolved, if passed, the Foothill-De Anza Faculty Association will continue this initiative via negotiation with the district.

¹ Mountain View Voice (2020): Santa Clara County first in state to make Juneteenth a paid holiday.

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³ https://www.fhda.edu/_about-us/