

**RESOLUTION NO. 8154**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO  
DECLARING JUNE 19, AS "JUNETEENTH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY"  
AND OBSERVED AS AN OFFICIAL PAID HOLIDAY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES**

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth, also known as "Juneteenth National Independence Day," "Emancipation Day," "Emancipation Celebration," and "Freedom Day," is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States; and has been celebrated by the Black Community for over 150 years; and

**WHEREAS**, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, and declared that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious states "are, and henceforward shall be free," paving the way for the passing of the thirteenth amendment which formally abolished slavery in the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, June 19, 1865, is considered the date when the last slaves in America were freed when General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, and issued General Order No. 3, almost two and one-half years after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, June 19, symbolizes freedom, celebrates the abolishment of slavery, reminds all Americans of the significant contributions of African Americans to our society, and is a time for reflection and rejoicing, assessment, self-improvement, and planning for the future; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 18, 2021, the United States Congress approved a bipartisan bill to approve June 19 as "Juneteenth National Independence Day", to be observed as a legal public holiday, and the bill was signed into law by President Biden on June 17, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the City of San Fernando are encouraged to join together in celebration of freedom, family and community by embodying a spirit of peace, respect, and brotherly love, and to honor and salute our City's rich cultural legacy and diversity.

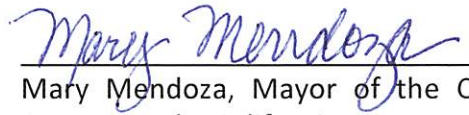
**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, FIND, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** The representations set forth in the Recitals above, are true and correct.

**SECTION 2:** That, by adoption of this Resolution, the City Council of the City of San Fernando recognizes June 19 as "Juneteenth National Independence Day" observed as an official paid holiday for all City of San Fernando employees. When June 19 falls on a Saturday, the holiday shall be observed the preceding Friday and when June 19 falls on a Sunday, the holiday shall be observed on the following Monday; and

**SECTION 3:** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause a certified resolution to be filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS** 6th day of June, 2022.



Mary Mendoza, Mayor of the City of San Fernando, California

**ATTEST:**

  
Julia Fritz, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, City Clerk of the City of San Fernando, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 8154 which was regularly introduced and adopted by the City Council of the City of San Fernando, California, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022, by the following vote of the City Council:

**AYES:** Rodriguez, Ballin, Pacheco, Mendoza - 4

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Montañez

**ABSTAINED:** None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of San Fernando, California, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

  
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Julia Fritz, City Clerk