

**RESOLUTION NO. 659
IN RECOGNITION OF JUNETEENTH**

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is recognized as the end of over 200 years of slavery in the United States and liberation from one of the most abhorrent crimes against humanity in our country's history; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln first issued the Emancipation Proclamation effective January 1, 1863, freeing the slaves in the South. On June 19, 1865, Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas and enforced the President's order, freeing the slaves two and half years after it was first decreed. This day has since come to be known as Juneteenth; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth has been recognized by the Oregon legislature as an official state holiday; and

WHEREAS, systems of oppression have continued in the United States since June 19, 1865; such as segregated schools and economic barriers to Black communities; and

WHEREAS, the impact of inadequate representation of Black educators and inconsistency of culturally relevant practices affects the physical and mental health, safety, and the education of Black students; and

WHEREAS, acknowledging these forms of institutionalized racism is an imperative step to support Lane Community College's mission and vision;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the LCC Board of Education recognizes Juneteenth, June 19, as (1) an annual celebration of the past, present, and future of Black liberation and those who work towards that social & racial justice; and (2) a constant reminder to continue to work towards eliminating educational disparities; and (3) an opportunity to recognize the impact, achievements, and contributions from Black staff, teachers, administrators, and students at LCC.

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Lane Community College Board of Education hereby adopts this resolution in support of the National and State of Oregon Juneteenth Holiday Campaign and encourages participation of the LCC community in observation of this day during the week of the "19th of June" from this time forward.

Adopted by the Board of Education on this 16th day of June, 2021.

Lisa Fragala, Board Chair

ATTEST:

Margaret Hamilton, President