



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PETALUMA CITY
ELEMENTARY AND PETALUMA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS
("PETALUMA CITY SCHOOLS"), RECOGNIZING JUNE 19TH, 2026 AS
JUNETEENTH.**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has designated June 19th as "Juneteenth Independence Day" and Juneteenth is now celebrated in nearly every state in the nation as a special day of observance in recognition of the emancipation of all enslaved people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, news of the end of slavery did not reach the frontier areas of the United States, in particular the State of Texas and the other southwestern states, until months after the conclusion of the Civil War, more than two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War had ended and the enslaved people were free; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans who had been enslaved in the Southwest celebrated June 19, commonly known as Juneteenth Independence Day, as inspiration and encouragement for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans from the Southwest have continued the tradition of observing Juneteenth for more than 150 years; and

WHEREAS, Black history is a part of American history, and as educational leaders, we have a responsibility to educate students throughout the entire year about the contributions of Black Americans; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is an opportunity for the people of the United States—regardless of race, ethnicity, or background—to learn more about the past, to better understand and reckon with the experiences that have shaped the United States, and to recognize that the observance of the end of slavery is part of the history and heritage of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Petaluma City Schools Board of Education recognizes that each student needs an opportunity to understand the common humanity underlying all people; to develop pride in their own identity and heritage; and to understand, respect, and accept the identity and heritage of others; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Petaluma City Schools Board of Education recognizes June 19th, 2026, as Juneteenth and remains committed to celebrating diversity, addressing inequities, and establishing safe environments in our schools and community.



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in accordance with Board Policy 6115, the Petaluma City Schools Board hereby directs all District sites to fly the Juneteenth Flag in the third position from the top of the flag pole each day in the month of June.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Board Member Webster who moved its adoption, seconded by Member Quinn and adopted by the following vote:

CLOUD: Aye PAUN: Aye QUINN: Aye WEBSTER: Aye WILLIAMS: Aye

WHEREUPON, the President declared the above resolution adopted and **SO ORDERED** this 12th day of May 2026.

Mady Cloud, President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Matthew Harris, Secretary