



**Agenda Item B.2  
PRESENTATION  
Meeting Date: June 2, 2026**

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**A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California,  
Proclaiming the Day of June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 as "Juneteenth Day" in the City  
of Goleta**



# PROCLAMATION

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING THE DAY OF JUNE 19, 2026, AS "JUNETEENTH" IN THE CITY OF GOLETA**

**WHEREAS**, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed The Emancipation Proclamation, declaring the freedom of enslaved people in the Confederate states, contingent upon their return to the Union by that date, thus using the Proclamation as both a reward and punishment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Emancipation Proclamation did not entirely abolish slavery in the United States and emancipation was delayed for many enslaved people, particularly in Texas, due to the lack of a significant Union presence and the withholding of information by enslavers; and

**WHEREAS**, African Americans in Texas finally learned of the Emancipation Proclamation on June 19, 1865, when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, to enforce the Proclamation and ensure the freedom of approximately 250,000 enslaved people, leading to celebrations among the newly freed and the birth of Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Independence Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Goleta is a proud sponsor of the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Juneteenth Santa Barbara celebration, which will be held on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at Plaza del Mar/Band Shell Park; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme, "Love for the People," invokes the emotion of hope, one that finds strength in community gathering together to celebrate freedom.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2026, the City Council of the City of Goleta does hereby proclaim June 19<sup>th</sup> as "JUNETEENTH" in Goleta and encourages all residents to use this time to learn about the legacy of Black peoples, their contributions, and stand in an alliance to end racism and hate.

**APPROVED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2026

  
PAULA PEROTTE  
MAYOR