



**PROCLAMATION  
JUNETEENTH 2023**

**WHEREAS**, the institution of slavery in America began in 1616 with the landing of the first slaves on our shores and continued officially until President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863;

**WHEREAS**, although this historic proclamation was issued in 1863, Texas slaves waited two-and-a-half years to receive word of their liberation when, on June 19, 1865, Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger landed at Galveston and announced that all Texas slaves were free;

**WHEREAS**, the Nineteenth Day of June—or Juneteenth—commemorates the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas, and became a day of jubilation and liberation for former slaves and today is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery in our nation;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT** does hereby proclaim that the 19th day of June, 2023, should be celebrated as

**“JUNETEENTH OR EMANCIPATION DAY”**

In recognition of the importance of Juneteenth to human freedoms so cherished by the people of Texas and the United States.

**PROCLAIMED** this the 13th day of June, 2023.

Hoppy Haden  
Caldwell County Judge

B.J. Westmoreland  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Rusty Horne  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Ed Theriot  
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Dyral Thomas  
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Teresa Rodriguez  
Caldwell County Clerk

