

VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION NO. 2022-07

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OBSERVING JUNETEENTH

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the momentous event in American history when the enslaved Americans in Texas were informed of their release from slavery, and now broadly commemorates the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the celebration and observation of Juneteenth has since served as an annual call to activism and anti-racist education by civil rights activists; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, President Biden signed a bill that established June 19 as Juneteenth National Independence day, a federal holiday; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Ventura County Community College District states that the District is a welcoming and inclusive equity-minded, anti-racist learning environment where diverse students are supported to pursue and attain student success; and

WHEREAS, the Ventura County Community College District is prioritizing the celebration of Juneteenth among its students, staff members, and faculty and recognizing Juneteenth as a holiday, where Moorpark College, Oxnard College, Ventura College, and the District Administrative Center are closed in recognition of the holiday.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Ventura County Community College District will observe Juneteenth and acknowledge the importance of this vital holiday in the ongoing struggle for civil rights and social justice in the United States.

Adopted this 14th day of June 2022.

Dianne B. McKay, Board Chair

Joshua Chancer, Trustee

Gabriela Torres, Trustee

Greg Gillespie, Ph.D., Chancellor