



**PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING JUNETEENTH 2025**

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; and

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 PROCLAIMED BY THE CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THAT the 19th day of June, 2025, 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 10th day of June, 2025.

Hoppy Haden
Caldwell County Judge

ABSENT

B.J. Westmoreland
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Rusty Horne
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Ed Theriot
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Dyrall Thomas
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Teresa Rodriguez
Caldwell County Clerk

By Garcia
Deputy

