

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAIMING JUNE 19, 2025
JUNETEENTH
IN SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, Juneteenth National Independence Day, observed annually on June 19th, commemorates the historic moment in 1865 when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced the end of slavery, over two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth stands as a powerful symbol of freedom and the enduring spirit of African Americans who fought for their liberty and dignity in the face of slavery, injustice, and inequality; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of African American individuals and communities have been integral to the growth, strength, and cultural richness of the United States, including here in Seminole County, Florida, where Black residents have played a vital role in shaping our shared history and future; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is an opportunity to celebrate African American culture and achievements, while also reaffirming our collective commitment to equity, justice, and unity across all communities; and

WHEREAS, Seminole County honors this day not only as a historical milestone, but as a call to action—to learn from the past, to embrace diversity, and to work together for a brighter, more inclusive future; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2021, Juneteenth was officially designated as a federal holiday, affirming its significance as a day of national reflection and celebration;

WHEREAS, today, over 1.3 million Americans serve on active duty—including approximately 132,000 Floridians—while nearly one million serve in the Reserves and National Guard, continuing a proud tradition of military service and sacrifice; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim June 19, 2025, as

Juneteenth

In Seminole County, Florida and encourage all residents to join in meaningful celebrations, educational events, and acts of remembrance that honor this day and uplift the values of freedom, equality, and unity for all.

ADOPTED this 10th day of June 2025



Jay Zembower, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners