



TIGARD-TUALATIN SCHOOL DISTRICT 23J

Proclamation

TO COMMEMORATE JUNETEENTH

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest celebration of the emancipation of African-American slaves, and is so named for the June 19, 1866 adoption of Black Independence Day in Galveston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth celebrates America's commitment to liberty and equality in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, along with the Emancipation Proclamation, issued by President Lincoln on January 1, 1863, and the 13th Amendment to the Constitution which abolished slavery, ratified by Congress on December 6, 1865; and

WHEREAS, the history of African-Americans is a study in resilience for the plight of slavery in our history, and today, for the over 45 million people in forced labor, child labor and other forms of human trafficking;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for Tigard-Tualatin School District recognizes, adopts and proclaims this Resolution to underscore the freedom with dignity of every human being. As a governmental body, we oppose and reject any form of oppression and pledge to support our residents, churches and organizations working to achieve genuine equality and protect the human rights of all people.

Adopted this 12th day of June, 2023.

Signed:

Tristan Irvin, Chair

Attest:

Dr. Sue Rieke-Smith, Superintendent