City of Albany Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION/HONOR IN OBSERVANCE OF JUNETEENTH June 19, 2022

The City of Albany recognizes that on June 17, 2021, Juneteenth National Independence Day became a Federal Holiday.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States details the rights of all citizens based upon governmental principles; and

WHEREAS, a new law was established commemorating the end of slavery in the year 1865; created an educational component for Americans who knew very little about the Juneteenth celebration: and

WHEREAS, the acknowledgment of Juneteenth is a simple reminder of the contributions that established the foundation and a creative movement within our country; and

WHEREAS, this pivotal moment moves America forward, noting without omitting individuals who have artistically and intellectually brought significant change within the nation;

WHEREAS, the cultural footprints of Black/African American strive to dismantle derogatory labels that discredit their existence; and

WHEREAS, Blacks/African American hardships have formed a resilient mindset of people filled with originality, faith, and fortitude; and

WHEREAS, "Yes to Juneteenth" 2nd Annual live celebration in the City of Albany, is dedicated to bringing our diverse community together; and

WHEREAS, this "Education to Celebration" event provides a great opportunity for positive engagement that cultivates unity.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Albany City Council does hereby proclaim/recognize Juneteenth in Albany, CA.

Dated: June 6, 2022

PRESTON JORDAN, MAYOR

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