

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON

In the Matter of Proclaiming)	
June 19, 2024 as Juneteenth)	Proclamation P2024-013
in Benton County)	

Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States, celebrating freedom and marking an essential milestone in our nation's history.

Juneteenth serves as a reminder of the resilience, courage, and perseverance of generations of African Americans who fought for freedom, equality, and justice.

Juneteenth provides an opportunity for reflection, education, and community engagement that fosters understanding and appreciation of African American heritage, culture, and contributions.

Benton County recognizes the importance of acknowledging and honoring the significance of Juneteenth in our shared history and promoting inclusivity, diversity, and equity within our community.

Benton County is committed to promoting racial equity, justice, and reconciliation, striving for a future where all individuals are treated with dignity, respect, and fairness.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that Juneteenth, on the 19th day of June, 2024, is recognized as a day of remembrance, reflection, and celebration in Benton County. All community members are encouraged to commemorate Juneteenth by participating in educational events, community gatherings, and acts of service that promote unity, understanding, and social justice.

Adopted this 18th day of June, 2024.

Signed this 18th day of June, 2024.

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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