PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans and honors the legacy of freedom and justice; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, United States General Gordon Granger and some 2,000 Union Troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced that enslaved people in Texas were now free, nearly two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Brazoria County holds a significant place in American history as the site of the first African American church in Texas, the location of some of the earliest plantations in the state, and a birthplace of the African American freedom journey in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth has become a national symbol of liberation, reflection, and community, and is recognized as a federal holiday that celebrates the triumph of the human spirit and the ongoing struggle for equality.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Brazoria County Commissioners Court does hereby Proclaim June 19, 2025 as

JUNETEENTH

in Brazoria County Texas. All across our nation, Juneteenth is a day to commemorate, educate and to recommit ourselves to justice and freedom for all; today and always.

APPROVED this 10th day of June, 2025.

Commissioner, Precinct 1

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Commissioner, Precinct 3

Stacy L. Adams

Brazoria County Judge

L. M. "Matt" Sebesta, Jr.

Commissioner, Precinct 2

Ryan Cade

Commissioner, Precinct 4

David Linder