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[JUNETEENTH]

COMMENDING THE ANNUAL JUNETEENTH RODEO, JUNE 10, AND FESTIVAL,

JUNE 17-18, 2000.

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery, commemorates June 19th when Union soldiers landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the Civil War had ended and that all slaves were freed with the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation; and,

WHEREAS, Through the years, recounting the memories of that great day in 1865 and its festivities would serve as motivation for the newly freed slaves as they begin to leave Texas in search of other recently freed family members in neighboring states and the North; and,

WHEREAS, In an effort to perpetually commemorate this event, the celebration of June 19th was coined "Juneteenth" and grew with more participation from year to year and from descendant to descendant; and,

WHEREAS, The celebration became a time for reassuring each other, for praying, for gathering remaining family members, and for participating in a range of activities that provided entertainment to the masses, many of which continue in tradition today; and,

WHEREAS; The Juneteenth tradition has been celebrated in the State of California since the 1930s, and particularly in San Francisco where the Second Annual National Black Rodeo will be held Saturday, June 10, 2000, in Golden Gate Park; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby commends the Annual Juneteenth Rodeo, June 10, and Festival, June 17-18, 2000.



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Resolution

File Number:	001068	Date Passed:
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	Ayes: 8 - Ammiar Absent: 3 - Becen	no, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee ril, Bierman, Katz
	File No. 001068	I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 12, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.
		Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board

JUN 2 3 2000 Date Approved