



# *Proclamation*

## *Of the Mayor*

### *Of the City of Los Altos, California*

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, On June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger led troops into Galveston, Texas, to announce the end of the Civil War and the insidious institution of slavery. Thousands of enslaved people in Texas – among the last to learn of their liberation – tasted hard-won freedom for the first time. The joyous commemorations that began in Texas spread around the nation, with cities and communities joining in celebration of this milestone in the ongoing American journey toward freedom for all; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years awareness of the significance of this date for our nation’s African American and Black communities has become more widespread, resulting in Juneteenth becoming a recognized federal holiday; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth reminds us of the horrors of our country’s past, commemorates African American freedom, acknowledges the resilience and determination of African Americans who have faced injustices in our society, and pays homage to those who paved the road to freedom in America; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth is a day to recognize and honor the contributions of African Americans in our city, state and country; and

**WHEREAS**, now is a time to reflect on the progress that must continue to ensure that all have equal access and opportunity to participate fully in our society; and

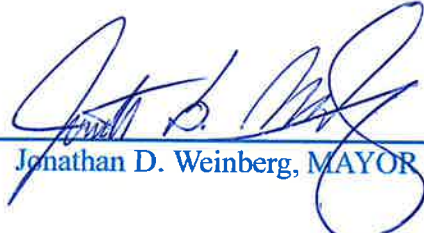
**WHEREAS**, people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today.

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, Jonathan D. Weinberg, Mayor of the City of Los Altos, California do hereby acknowledge June 19, 2024 as

#### **“JUNETEENTH NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY”**

in the City of Los Altos and hope that this recognition encourages our residents to reflect, learn, understand, participate and celebrate in community-based events to celebrate Juneteenth and its meaning in our region.



  
Jonathan D. Weinberg, MAYOR