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**Resolution Recognizing June 19
as Juneteenth Holiday Observance**

WHEREAS, the Civil War, which raged for four years between April 1861 and April 1865, officially ended with the surrender of General Lee to General Grant at Appomattox on April 9, 1865. Still, even after this turning point, many parts of the country remained at war; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the day freedom was proclaimed to all slaves in the south by Union General Gordon Granger who arrived at Galveston, Texas proclaiming the authority of the United States over Texas in the name of then President Andrew Johnson on June 19, 1865, in Galveston, Texas, more than two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, in so proclaiming this authority, General Granger declared all acts of the Confederacy null and void and announced slaves were henceforth set free; and

WHEREAS, not caring so much as to which day freedom had come as to the fact it had come, the freed men and women referred to this day as “Juneteenth,” which provides the historical reference for Juneteenth National Freedom Day, also known as “Emancipation Day”, “Emancipation Celebration”, “Freedom Day”, “Jun-Jun”, “Juneteenth Independence Day” and “Juneteenth.” Juneteenth National Freedom Day commemorates the June 19, 1865, announcement of the abolition of slavery in the State of Texas, and in general the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans throughout the former Confederacy; and

WHEREAS, during the years immediately following their emancipation, the freed men and women established a tradition of picnics, music, and thanksgiving, and used the occasion to reflect upon the profound meaning of their freedom—the freedom to choose a life direction, manner of earning a livelihood, and creating a community in which a free people might live with dignity; and

WHEREAS, Americans of all ethnic backgrounds, creeds, cultures, religions and countries-of-origin, share in a common love of and respect for “*freedom*”, as well as a determination to protect their right to freedom through democratic institutions, by which the “*tenets-of-freedom*” are guaranteed and protected; and

WHEREAS, the Creighton School District Governing Board values and honors the National, and State of Arizona Juneteenth ideals and commemoration of America’s 2nd Independence Day, the “19th of June”, as one which completes the cycle of America’s 18th century Independence Movement, initiated with “4th of July”, 1776 “Declaration of Independence” and to advance this country’s sincere dialogue of the realization of what Juneteenth historically means to all Americans, promoting racial healing, reconciliation, restoration and justice; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the June 19th is Juneteenth Observance Day. All citizens, regardless of race or ethnic background, are encouraged to experience the Juneteenth Observance activities.

Adopted by the Governing Board at a meeting held on April 19, 2022.

Signed,

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Governing Board President