

Proclamation

West County Wastewater Board of Directors

ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH MAY, 2021

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage in the United States was celebrated beginning in 1978 and was made into a month-long event in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month seeks to honor and recognize the contributions of residents from Asia, India and the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians, Chinese, and Japanese were the first to migrate to the Pacific Northwest and were known for handling canoes and transporting goods, construction, and railroad expansion; and

WHEREAS, Asian/Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island); and

WHEREAS, during AAPI Heritage Month we acknowledge the additional determination, hardwork, and perseverance, AAPI must put forth to be heard and seen and that these additional efforts are a result of inequitable institutional and systemic injustices; and


WHEREAS, we cannot deny the unique challenges and complicated, sometimes violent histories of peoples, nations, and empires across Asia and the Pacific- but we can commit to working together to strengthen our community for the future;

WHEREAS, racially motivated discrimination and harassment is at a high with a national and local spike in hate crimes against the AAPI community, especially targeting its Muslim, South Asian, and Southeast Asian members; and


WHEREAS, Asians and Pacific Islanders are among the fastest growing communities in the United States. This migration has been both voluntary and forced due to war and environmental degradation in their native countries; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the West County Wastewater Board of Directors strongly encourages our staff and community to observe, recognize, and celebrate the culture, heritage, and contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islanders to our country, our state and our cities.

Dated: May 19, 2021


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RECOGNIZES JUNE, 2021 AS PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, Gay Pride, also called LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) Pride or LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer) Pride, byname PRIDE, is an annual celebration, in June in the United States.

WHEREAS, In the movement toward equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people, a historic turning point occurred on June 28, 1969, in New York City, with the onset of the Stonewall Riots. During these riots, LGBT citizens rose up and resisted police harassment that arose out of discriminatory criminal laws that have since been declared unconstitutional. In the decades since, civil rights for LGBT people have grown substantially, and LGBT pride celebrations have taken place around the country every June to commemorate the beginning of the Stonewall Riots; and

WHEREAS, every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, sex, age, or mental or physical disability; and

WHEREAS, the long and ongoing struggle of transgender, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and other sexual minorities for basic civil and human rights continues to provide inspiration to all; and

WHEREAS, Pride month is an opportunity to celebrate this harmony in which we coexist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Directors of the West County Wastewater District hereby proclaim recognition of June, 2021, PRIDE Month and encourages everyone to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists, respect the rights of all people, and to celebrate the great diversity of our community.

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RECOGNITION OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY, JUNE 5, 2021 “ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION”

WHEREAS, World Environment Day is the most renowned day for environmental action. Since 1974, it has been celebrated every year on 5 June: engaging governments, businesses, celebrities and citizens to focus their efforts on a pressing environmental issue; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme is “Ecosystem Restoration”; and

WHEREAS, ecosystem restoration means assisting in the recovery of ecosystems that have been degraded or destroyed, as well as conserving the ecosystems that are still intact. Healthier ecosystems, with richer biodiversity, yield greater benefits such as more fertile soils, bigger yields of timber and fish, and larger stores of greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, restoring ecosystems large and small protects and improves the livelihoods of people who depend on them. It also helps to regulate disease and reduce the risk of natural disasters. In fact, restoration can help us achieve all of the Sustainable Development Goals; and

WHEREAS, the foods we eat, the air we breathe, the water we drink and the climate that makes our planet habitable all come from nature. For instance, each year, marine plants produce more than a half of our atmosphere’s oxygen, and a mature tree cleans our air, absorbing 22 kilos of carbon dioxide, releasing oxygen in exchange. Despite all the benefits that our nature give us, we still mistreat it. That is why we need to work on that.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Directors of the West County Wastewater District hereby proclaim recognition of World Environment Day, June 5, 2021 themed “Ecosystem Restoration” and encourages al employees, constituents and visitors alike to help restore our ecosystem.


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RECOGNIZES JUNE 19, 2021 IN CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is an annual holiday which occurs on June 19th and is observed in the United States. It is one of the oldest celebrations of the abolition of slavery in the world. While this holiday isn't an official government holiday in any U.S. state, it is recognized as a ceremonial observance in roughly half of the U.S. states; and


WHEREAS, in 1996 the first legislation to recognize "Juneteenth Independence Day" was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives, H.J. Res. 195, sponsored by Barbara-Rose Collins (D-MI). In 1997 Congress recognized the day through Senate Joint Resolution 11 and House Joint Resolution 56. In 2013 the U.S. Senate passed Senate Resolution 175, acknowledging Lula Briggs Galloway (late president of the National Association of Juneteenth Lineage) who "successfully worked to bring national recognition to Juneteenth Independence Day", and the continued leadership of the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation.


WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Cel-Liberation Day or the Black Fourth of July, is an American holiday that commemorates June 19, 1865; and


WHEREAS, the history of Juneteenth can be traced all the way back to June 19th of 1865. This is when the Union Army, led by Major General Gordon Granger, arrived in Galveston, Texas with news that the Civil War had ended and that all former slaves were now free. Although President Lincoln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, slavery hadn't ended in Texas because there weren't enough Union soldiers in the state to enforce the new order. However, the sound defeat of General Lee in April of that year and the arrival of the Union soldiers under Granger strengthened the forces sufficiently enough to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Directors of West County Wastewater hereby proclaim recognizing June 19, 2021, in celebration of Juneteenth and encourages all employees and constituents alike to recognize this day in celebrating the abolition of slavery in the world.


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RECOGNITION OF UNITED NATIONS PUBLIC SERVICE DAY June 23, 2021

WHEREAS, The United Nations' Public Service Day is held on June 23 each year. It recognizes that democracy and successful governance are built on the foundation of a competent civil service. The day aims to celebrate the value and virtue of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, On December 20, 2002, the United Nations General Assembly designated June 23 of each year as United Nations Public Service Day. It encouraged member states to organize special events on that day to highlight the contribution of public service in the development process; and

WHEREAS, On this day, the UN recognizes the work of public servants. The UN also encourages young people to pursue a career in the public sector; and

WHEREAS, Public service is defined as a service intended for all members of the community. There are many areas of public service such as public safety, education, government and diplomacy, non profit administration and more.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Directors of the West County Wastewater District hereby proclaim recognition of United Nations Public Service Day, June 23, 2021 and encourages all constituents, visitors and employees celebrate the value and virtue of service to the community.

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