



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING JUNE 19, 2023 AS
"JUNETEENTH DAY" IN ARROYO GRANDE**

WHEREAS, since 1865, the American celebration known as Juneteenth has historically been observed as the end of the Institution of Slavery in our great nation; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth embodies the indomitable human spirit of the past, the present, and all time; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Juneteenth gives us all the opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the true American spirit and to strive for a more perfect Union; and

WHEREAS, we are citizens who wish to secure the blessings of freedom, justice, and equality for all in this great country of ours; and

WHEREAS, the collaboration of community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, local businesses, and local government demonstrates a shared commitment to being part of the solution and acknowledging the importance of strength through unity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande hereby recognizes June 19, 2023, as "Juneteenth Day" in the City of Arroyo Grande and urge all to join in recognizing the importance of this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 13th day of June 2023.

CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR

