

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-___

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
PERMITTING THE RAISING OF THE JUNETEENTH FLAG IN
RECOGNITION OF THE FEDERAL HOLIDAY**

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger arrived at the port of Galveston, Texas and announced that slavery had been ended with General Order No. 3; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth was declared a federal holiday by President Joe Biden in June 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Juneteenth flag is a symbol for the Juneteenth holiday in the United States; and

WHEREAS, activist Ben Haith designed the Juneteenth flag in 1997 using the colors of red, white, and blue from the American flag with a bursting star of freedom through the new horizon of opportunity across the center of the flag; and

WHEREAS, the City Council may display flags recognized as government speech under the City of Los Altos Flag Raising Policy, Resolution No. 2022-90; and

WHEREAS, the Flag Raising Policy states that the City Council may consider authorizing the display of a flag on City property by referral from the Mayor, the Council as a whole, or a City commission, or on application of a member of the community; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2023, the City Council voted to consider authorizing the display of the Juneteenth flag as a future agenda item; and

WHEREAS, the Flag Raising Policy prohibits flags conveying specified messages, and the City Council finds that the Juneteenth flag does not convey any of the prohibited messages, and that this Resolution substantially conforms to all the requirements of the Flag Raising Policy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Juneteenth flag is government speech in that the history and symbolism of the flag as described above constitute a message that the City of Los Altos desires to convey on behalf of its residents;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby recognizes this historic event by displaying the Juneteenth flag from June 19, 2023, through June 25, 2023 at City Hall.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the 23rd day of May, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Sally Meadows
Mayor

Melissa Thurman, MMC
City Clerk