



Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Martin Luther King Festival was first organized in 1970 by students from the Santa Rosa Junior College to continue the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was assassinated in April, 1968; and

WHEREAS, the festival took on a new meaning with the recognition of Dr. King's Birthday as a federal holiday, designated on the third Monday in January; and

WHEREAS, the Emancipation proclamation was signed on September 22, 1862 with an effective date of January 1, 1863; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth celebrates the day when those enslaved in Galveston, Texas finally received word of their freedom on June 19, 1865; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is observed by many communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, the local Martin Luther King/Juneteenth Festival was born to keep the dream of Dr. King and the spirit of Juneteenth alive in Santa Rosa; and

WHEREAS, the 46th Annual Martin Luther King/Juneteenth Community Festival is being hosted on Saturday, June 18, 2016 and will consist of: live music, kids' activities, performances, a basketball tournament, arts and crafts, speakers, awards, and dance; and


WHEREAS, the event is free and open to the public with fun for all ages; and

WHEREAS, such organizations as the North Bay Black Chamber, Red Rose Catering, Safe Harbor Project, Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County, Swift Finishing Inc., Santa Rosa Junior College's Black Student Union, and 100 Black Men of Sonoma County invite the community to celebrate with us.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, John Sawyer, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby recognize June 18, 2016 as

Martin Luther King/Juneteenth Day




Mayor John Sawyer
June 14, 2016