



**PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 17 – 19, 2011 AS JUNETEENTH WEEKEND IN HAYS COUNTY**

**STATE OF TEXAS       §  
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COUNTY OF HAYS     §**

WHEREAS, the institution of Black slavery in America began in 1616 with the landing of the first African slaves on our shores and continued officially until President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863; and

WHEREAS, although this historic proclamation was issued in 1863, Texas slaves waited two and a half years to receive word of their liberation, when on June 19, 1865, Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger landed at Galveston and announced that all Texas slaves were free; and

WHEREAS, the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of June—or Juneteenth—became a day of jubilation and liberation for former slaves and today is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery in our nation; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 1979 Governor William P. Clements signed a bill into law that made the Juneteenth Emancipation Day an official state holiday in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Hays County community is celebrating Juneteenth 2011 with a variety of special events during the weekend of June 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, including the Dunbar Heritage Association's neighborhood festival, a charity Cake Auction, Heritage Banquet, Barbecue Cook-off, Parade and other festivities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Hays County Commissioners' Court does hereby proclaim the 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2011 as:

***JUNETEENTH WEEKEND IN HAYS COUNTY***

And calls upon all citizens of Hays County to celebrate this significant event throughout the month and to recognize the importance of Juneteenth to human freedoms so cherished by the United States.

**ADOPTED THIS THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2011**

*Bert Cobb*

**Bert Cobb  
Hays County Judge**

*Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe*

**Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe  
Commissioner, Pct. 1**

*Mark Jones*

**Mark Jones  
Commissioner, Pct. 2**

*Will Conley*

**Will Conley  
Commissioner, Pct. 3**

*Ray Whisenant*

**Ray Whisenant  
Commissioner, Pct. 4**



**ATTEST:**

*Liz Q. Gonzalez*  
**Liz Q. Gonzalez** *deputy,*  
**Hays County Clerk**