

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Hays County Commissioners Court

Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

Request forms are due in Microsoft Word Format via email by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

AGENDA ITEM

Adopt a proclamation declaring June 2017 as Juneteenth Month in Hays County.

ITEM TYPE	MEETING DATE	AMOUNT REQUIRED
PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS	June 6, 2017	N/A

LINE ITEM NUMBER

N/A

AUDITOR USE ONLY

AUDITOR COMMENTS:

PURCHASING GUIDELINES FOLLOWED: N/A

AUDITOR REVIEW: N/A

REQUESTED BY	SPONSOR	CO-SPONSOR
Constable David Peterson	INGALSBE	N/A

SUMMARY

Please refer to attached proclamation.

FILED: JUNE 6, 2017
HAYS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
Resolution # 32545



**PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 2017 AS
JUNETEENTH MONTH 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 19th 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 will celebrate Juneteenth 2017 with the Juneteenth Cake Auction on June 15 at 6 p.m. at the San Marcos Activity Center, a BBQ Cook-off Competition and Music Festival at the San Marcos City Park and Plaza on June 16 and 17 and a parade through downtown San Marcos on June 17, starting at Dunbar Park, 801 W. Martin Luther King Dr., San Marcos, Texas, and church celebrations throughout the whole month; and

WHEREAS, several community partners come together to host the Juneteenth festivities such as Impact San Marcos, Pride of San Marcos Lodge #494, the BBQ Cook-Off Committee, the Cake Auction Scholarship Committee, and the Dunbar Heritage Association; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth festivities will feature great BBQ, a cake auction for scholarships, games for children, live music, family fun and church commemorations, and the public is invited to participate in all these significant celebrations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Hays County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim June 2017 as:

JUNETEENTH MONTH IN HAYS COUNTY

And calls upon the people of Hays County to join in the celebration of this significant event throughout the month and to recognize the importance of Juneteenth to human freedoms so cherished by the people of the United States.

ADOPTED THIS THE 6th DAY OF JUNE 2017

Bert Cobb
Hays County Judge

Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe
Commissioner, Pct. 1

Mark Jones
Commissioner, Pct. 2

Will Conley
Commissioner, Pct. 3

Ray Whisenant
Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Liz Q. Gonzalez
Hays County Clerk

