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Monday, June 18, 2018  
10 minutes prior to Session  
State Capitol, Room 3162

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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 6/15/18  
**Re:** Consent Bill Referrals

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Since you received your preliminary list of bill referrals, there have been no changes.

REFERRAL OF BILLS TO COMMITTEE

06/18/2018

Pursuant to the Assembly Rules, the following bills were referred to committee:

<u>Assembly Bill No.</u>	<u>Committee:</u>
<u>ACR 254</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>ACR 255</u>	RLS.
<u>HR 113</u>	JUD.
<u>HR 114</u>	RLS.
<u>SB 224</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 419</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 419</u>	RLS.
<u>SB 820</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 1000</u>	TRANS.
<u>SB 1000</u>	U. & E.
<u>SB 1038</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 1300</u>	L. & E.
<u>SB 1300</u>	JUD.
<u>SB 1343</u>	L. & E.
<u>SCR 86</u>	RLS.
<u>SCR 135</u>	RLS.



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# Memo

**To:** Rules Committee Members  
**From:** Michael Erke, Bill Referral Consultant  
**Date:** 6/15/18  
**Re:** Consent Bill Re-Referrals

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Since you received your preliminary list of bill re-referrals, there have been no changes.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

06/18/2018

The Committee on Rules has re-referred the following bills to Committee:

Assembly Bill No.	Committee:
<u>SB 237</u>	U. & E.
<u>SB 668</u>	AGRI.
<u>*SB 765</u>	H. & C.D.
<u>**SB 765</u>	L. GOV.
<u>SB 1177</u>	PUB. S.

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 196**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Gipson and Waldron**

March 8, 2018

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 196—Relative to HIV Testing Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 196, as introduced, Gipson. HIV Testing Day.

This measure would proclaim June 27, 2018, as HIV Testing Day in California and would encourage Californians to learn their HIV statuses.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The federal Centers for Disease Control and  
2 Prevention recommends that everyone between 13 and 64 years  
3 of age, inclusive, get tested for HIV at least once as part of routine  
4 health care, and that people at higher risk get tested more often;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Office of AIDS in the State Department of  
7 Public Health estimates that there are between 26.2 and 28.3  
8 million Californians who should receive an HIV test at least once  
9 in their lives. According to population-based surveys, less than 41  
10 percent of Californians have had an HIV test; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the Office of AIDS, about one in 10  
12 people in California who are living with HIV do not know they  
13 have it; and

14 WHEREAS, Performing routine HIV testing in health care  
15 settings can decrease the proportion of people unaware of their  
16 HIV statuses; and

1 WHEREAS, As of January 1, 2014, California law generally  
2 requires that an opt-out HIV test be offered whenever blood is  
3 drawn at a primary care visit; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2015, there were 4,948 new HIV diagnoses in  
5 California; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2015, the rate of new HIV diagnoses among  
7 African Americans was more than four times the rate of whites,  
8 and the rate of new HIV diagnoses among Latinos was 1.5 times  
9 that of whites; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2015, approximately three-quarters of new HIV  
11 infections were among gay and bisexual men; and

12 WHEREAS, Transgender individuals, particularly transgender  
13 women of color, are disproportionately impacted by HIV; and

14 WHEREAS, From 2011 through 2015, the number of persons  
15 in California living and diagnosed with HIV increased from  
16 approximately 118,000 to more than 128,000; and

17 WHEREAS, In California, African Americans are  
18 disproportionately represented among those living and diagnosed  
19 with HIV; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2015, more than 1.1 million people in the United  
21 States were living with HIV, and that number grows by more than  
22 37,000 each year; and

23 WHEREAS, One in seven people living with HIV in the United  
24 States are unaware their statuses, and three in 10 new HIV  
25 infections in the United States are transmitted by people who are  
26 undiagnosed; and

27 WHEREAS, More than 90 percent of new HIV infections in  
28 the United States could be prevented by testing and diagnosing  
29 people who have HIV and ensuring they receive prompt and  
30 ongoing care and treatment; and

31 WHEREAS, National HIV Testing Day is held on June 27,  
32 2018, and should serve as an opportunity to raise awareness about  
33 the importance of HIV testing and early diagnosis of HIV; now,  
34 therefore be it

35 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
36 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the importance  
37 of getting tested for HIV; and be it further

38 *Resolved*, That the Legislature proclaims June 27, 2018, as HIV  
39 Testing Day in California and encourages Californians to get the  
40 facts and learn their HIV statuses; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 18, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 196 (Gipson) – As Introduced March 8, 2018

**SUBJECT:** HIV Testing Day.

**SUMMARY:** Proclaims June 27, 2018, as HIV Testing Day in California and encourages Californians to learn their HIV statuses. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that everyone between 13 and 64 years of age, inclusive, get tested for HIV at least once as part of routine health care, and that people at higher risk get tested more often.
- 2) According to the Office of AIDS, about one in 10 people in California who are living with HIV do not know they have it; and, performing routine HIV testing in health care settings can decrease the proportion of people unaware of their HIV statuses.
- 3) In 2015, there were 4,948 new HIV diagnoses in California; and the rate of diagnoses among African Americans was more than four times the rate of whites, and the rate of diagnoses among Latinos was 1.5 times that of whites.
- 4) From 2011 through 2015, the number of persons in California living and diagnosed with HIV increased from 118,000 to more than 128,000. In 2015, more than 1.1 million people in the United States were living with HIV, and that number grows by more than 37,000 each year.
- 5) One in seven people living with HIV in the United States are unaware of their statuses, and three in ten new HIV infections in the United States are transmitted by people who are undiagnosed.
- 6) More than 90 percent of new HIV infections in the United States could be prevented by testing and diagnosing people who have HIV and ensuring they receive prompt and ongoing care and treatment.
- 7) National HIV Testing Day is held on June 27, 2018, and should serve as an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of HIV testing and early diagnosis of HIV.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

APLA Health

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800



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Gleicher/Chen Health Center, Baldwin Hills  
Long Beach Health Center  
Education Center, Baldwin Hills  
Wilshire Dental Clinic, Downtown L.A.  
The S. Mark Taper Foundation Center Dental Clinic, South L.A.  
Vance North Necessities of Life Program in eight locations  
AIDS Walk Los Angeles

May 15, 2018

The Honorable Ken Cooley  
State Capitol, Room 3013  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: ACR 196 (Gipson) – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Cooley,

APLA Health is pleased to sponsor ACR 196, which would proclaim June 27, 2018 as HIV Testing Day in California and encourage all Californians to learn their HIV status. Increasing the number of individuals who know their HIV status is a critical component of California's strategy to reduce new infections and end the HIV epidemic.

APLA Health is a nonprofit, federally qualified health center serving more than 14,000 people annually. Our mission is to achieve health care equity and promote well-being for the HIV and LGBT communities as well as other underserved communities. We provide nearly two dozen health and social services at 14 locations throughout Los Angeles County. APLA Health has also long been a leader in advocating for policy and legislation that positively impacts the LGBT and HIV communities.

The California Department of Public Health Office of AIDS estimates that 1 in 10 of the roughly 140,000 Californians living with HIV do not know their HIV-positive status.<sup>1</sup> Efforts to increase the proportion of people living with HIV who are aware of their status include both targeted testing and routine, opt-out HIV testing. When people know their HIV status, people living with HIV can be provided care and treatment that will lead to improved health outcomes and decrease the risk of further transmission. In addition, people who are HIV-negative and at risk for HIV can receive effective HIV prevention interventions such as PrEP.

ACR 196 recognizes the importance of getting tested for HIV and encourages all Californians to learn their HIV status. For these reasons, APLA Health is pleased to sponsor ACR 196. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Craig Pulsipher at (213) 201-1378 or cpulsipher@apla.org.

Sincerely,

Craig E. Thompson  
Chief Executive Officer

cc: The Honorable Mike Gipson

<sup>1</sup> California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS. (2016). Laying a Foundation for Getting to Zero: California's Integrated HIV Surveillance, Prevention, and Care Plan.

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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 248**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia**

June 4, 2018

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 248—Relative to “Parks Make Life Better!” Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 248, as introduced, Eduardo Garcia. Parks Make Life Better! Month.

This measure would recognize the importance of access to local parks, trails, open space, and facilities for the health and development of all Californians and would declare the month of July 2018 as “Parks Make Life Better!” Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, A 2009 public opinion research study, conducted  
2 by the California Park & Recreation Society, revealed that 98  
3 percent of California’s households visit a local park and 50 percent  
4 of California households participate in an organized recreation  
5 program annually; and  
6 WHEREAS, California’s residents value their local parks and  
7 recreation services, as they provide access to the serenity and  
8 inspiration of nature, outdoor spaces, and places for play and  
9 exercise; facilities for directed and self-directed recreation;  
10 activities that facilitate social connections, human development,  
11 the arts, and lifelong learning; and positive alternatives for youth  
12 that help lower crime; and

1 WHEREAS, The Outdoor Foundation reports that outdoor  
2 recreation, both passive and active, generates more than \$85 billion  
3 in economic activity in California, supporting nearly 800,000 jobs  
4 and representing a business and economic sector that surpasses  
5 the aerospace and insurance industries in the state; and

6 WHEREAS, The 2010 California Obesity Prevention Plan states  
7 the following:

8 (a) One in every nine California children, one in three teens,  
9 and over 50 percent of adults are already overweight or obese, and  
10 obesity affects virtually all age, income, educational, ethnic, and  
11 disability groups.

12 (b) Research has shown that where people live, work, and play  
13 impacts obesity. For example, in Imperial County, 73 percent of  
14 adults are overweight or obese, while only 43 percent of adults in  
15 San Francisco are overweight or obese.

16 (c) California’s costs attributable to physical inactivity, obesity,  
17 and excess body weight in 2006 were estimated at \$41.2 billion.  
18 In contrast, a 5-percent improvement in each of these risk factors  
19 could result in an annual savings of nearly \$2.4 billion.

20 (d) To address obesity, the state must ensure that all California  
21 residents have access to safe places to play and be active; and

22 WHEREAS, California’s 10 Step Vision for a Healthy California  
23 is a call to action to transform the state so that all Californians can  
24 enjoy healthy eating and active living, resulting in all of the  
25 following:

26 (a) Every day, every child will participate in physical activity.

27 (b) California’s adults will be physically active every day.

28 (c) Neighborhoods, communities, and buildings will support  
29 physical activity, including safe walking, stair climbing, and  
30 bicycling; and

31 WHEREAS, The Governor, Legislature, and residents have  
32 prioritized efforts to increase physical activity, access to nature,  
33 spaces for play and exercise, the arts, lifelong learning, and social  
34 connections among children and adults through the approval of  
35 statewide park bond programs; and

36 WHEREAS, The California Park & Recreation Society promotes  
37 the positive personal and community benefits of parks, open space,  
38 trails, recreation facilities and programs, nature education, and  
39 sports for able and disabled children, teens, adults, and seniors;  
40 and

1 WHEREAS, Participation in physical activities can lower a  
2 resident’s risk of developing chronic health problems, such as high  
3 blood pressure, asthma, heart disease, and diabetes, and also help  
4 children grow up to be healthier adults; and

5 WHEREAS, The California Park & Recreation Society has  
6 released a statewide public awareness campaign, “Parks Make  
7 Life Better!” to inform citizens of the many benefits of utilizing  
8 parks, facilities, programs, and services; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
10 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the importance  
11 of access to local parks, trails, open space, and facilities such as  
12 swimming pools, skate parks, dog parks, tennis courts, nature  
13 centers, and museums, for the health and development of all  
14 Californians; and be it further

15 *Resolved*, That the Legislature declares the month of July 2018  
16 as “Parks Make Life Better!” Month; and be it further

17 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
18 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 18, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
ACR 248 (Eduardo Garcia) – As Introduced June 4, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Parks Make Life Better! Month.

**SUMMARY:** Declares the month of July 2018 as "Parks Make Life Better!" Month and recognizes the importance of access to local parks, trails, open space, and facilities for the health and development of all Californians. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The Governor, Legislature, and citizens have prioritized efforts to increase physical activity, access to nature, spaces for play and exercise, the arts, lifelong learning, and social connections among children and adults through the approval of statewide park bond programs.
- 2) The 2010 California Obesity Prevention Plan states that one in every nine Californian children, one in three teens, and over 50 percent of adults are overweight or obese, and that obesity affects all age, income, educational, ethnic, and disability groups; and, to address obesity, the state must ensure that all California residents have access to safe places to play and be active.
- 3) Participation in physical activities can lower a residents risk of developing chronic health problems, such as high blood pressure, asthma, heart disease, and diabetes, and can help children grow up to be healthier adults.
- 4) The Outdoor Foundation reports that outdoor recreation, both passive and active, generates more than \$85 billion in economic activity in California, supporting nearly 800,000 jobs and representing a business and economic sector that surpasses the aerospace and insurance industries in the state.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

California State Parks Foundation

**Opposition**

None on file

**Analysis Prepared by:** Nicole Willis / RLS. / (916) 319-2800



June 14, 2018

The Honorable Ken Cooley  
Chair, Assembly Rules Committee  
State Capitol, Room 3013  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Concurrent Resolution 248 - SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Cooley,

On behalf of the California State Parks Foundation (CSPF) and our members throughout California, I am writing to express our support for Assembly Concurrent Resolution ACR 248 (Garcia).

CSPF is a member-supported nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting, improving and advocating in support of California's 280 state parks. Our state park system represents the best of California with its natural, cultural, and recreational treasures it has to offer. CSPF believes we have a responsibility to advocate for park policies and resources that enhance the health and happiness of our children -- and by doing so, we will foster the next generation of empowered parks stewards who, in return, have an appreciation for the significant benefits of the outdoors and parks.

ACR 248 "Parks Make Life Better!" Month recognizes the importance of access to local parks, trails, open space, and facilities for the health for all Californians. Our state parks and outdoor recreational opportunities represent the best California has to offer with their natural, cultural and recreational treasures.

Californians enjoy their parks and the outdoors. *The Survey on Public Opinions and Attitudes on Outdoor Recreation in California 2012* developed as part the California Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) reported nearly all respondents (91.6%) had visited a park within the past 12 months. The majority (71.5%) had visited a park within the past month.

With more than 67 million visits made from Californians and out-of-state tourists alike, California's state park system is an economic engine. Park visitors spends \$3.2 billion annually on goods and services such as food, lodging, supplies and more. Total economic impact increases to \$6.41 billion annually when visitor spending, operating expenses and purchases of goods and services that support parks and related businesses are included. \$289 million in state tax revenue and approximately \$145 million in local tax revenues are on average generated annually.

For the above reasons, we are proud to support ACR 248.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Norton".

Rachel Norton  
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Eduardo Garcia, Author  
The Honorable Members, Assembly Rules Committee  
Michael Erke, Consultant, Assembly Rules Committee  
Amanda Richie, Republican Consultant, Assembly Rules Committee

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**Introduced by Senator Bradford**

May 15, 2018

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 145—Relative to Juneteenth.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 145, as introduced, Bradford. Juneteenth.

This measure would recognize June 19, 2018, as Juneteenth and would urge the people of California to join in celebrating Juneteenth as a day to honor and reflect on the significant role that African Americans have played in the history of the United States and how they have enriched society through their steadfast commitment to promoting unity and equality.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as “Juneteenth  
2 Independence Day,” “Emancipation Day,” “Emancipation  
3 Celebration,” and “Freedom Day,” is the oldest African American  
4 holiday observance in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the strong survival  
6 instinct of African Americans who were first brought to this  
7 country stacked in the bottom of slave ships in a month-long  
8 journey across the Atlantic Ocean known as the “Middle Passage”;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Events in the history of the United States that led  
11 to the start of the Civil War in 1861 centered on sectional  
12 differences between the North and the South that were based on  
13 the economic and social divergence caused by the existence of  
14 slavery; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1862, the first clear signs that the end of slavery  
2 was imminent appeared when laws abolishing slavery were adopted  
3 in the territories of Oklahoma, Nebraska, Colorado, and New  
4 Mexico; and

5 WHEREAS, In September 1862, President Lincoln issued the  
6 celebrated Emancipation Proclamation, warning the rebellious  
7 Confederate states that he would declare their slaves “forever free”  
8 if those states did not return to the Union by January 1, 1863; and

9 WHEREAS, Enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation  
10 occurred only in Confederate states that were under Union Army  
11 control; and

12 WHEREAS, On January 31, 1865, Congress passed the  
13 Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution,  
14 abolishing slavery throughout the United States and its territories;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Spontaneous celebration erupted throughout the  
17 country when African Americans learned of their freedom; and

18 WHEREAS, Juneteenth, or June 19, 1865, is considered the  
19 date when the last slaves in America were freed when General  
20 Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, and issued General  
21 Order No. 3, almost two and one-half years after President Lincoln  
22 issued the Emancipation Proclamation; and

23 WHEREAS, For former slaves, the Juneteenth celebration was  
24 a time for reassuring each other, praying, and gathering remaining  
25 family members together. Juneteenth continued to be highly  
26 revered in Texas decades later, with many former slaves and  
27 descendants making an annual pilgrimage back to Galveston on  
28 this date; and

29 WHEREAS, Juneteenth education and celebrations declined in  
30 America in the early part of the 20th century. But the Civil Rights  
31 Movement of the 1950s and 1960s saw a resurgence of interest in  
32 Juneteenth, along with renewed community celebrations of the  
33 day; and

34 WHEREAS, Observance of Juneteenth, a reminder of  
35 emancipation, spread from Texas to the neighboring states of  
36 Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma, as well as Alabama, Florida,  
37 and California, where many African American Texans migrated;  
38 and

39 WHEREAS, The state of Texas is widely considered the first  
40 state to begin Juneteenth celebrations. Informal observances have

1 taken place there for over a century and it has been an official state  
2 holiday in Texas since 1980. Thirty-nine states, including  
3 California since 2003, and the District of Columbia have  
4 recognized Juneteenth as either a state holiday or a state holiday  
5 observance; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1994, the era of the “Modern Juneteenth  
7 Movement” began when a group of Juneteenth leaders from across  
8 the country gathered in New Orleans, Louisiana, to work for greater  
9 national recognition of Juneteenth; and

10 WHEREAS, Today, Juneteenth commemorates African  
11 American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement.  
12 It is a day, a week, and in some areas, a month marked with  
13 celebrations, guest speakers, picnics, and family gatherings. It is  
14 a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment,  
15 self-improvement, and planning for the future; and

16 WHEREAS, Juneteenth symbolizes freedom, celebrates the  
17 abolishment of slavery, and reminds all Americans of the  
18 significant contributions of African Americans to our society; and

19 WHEREAS, A growing number of American and African  
20 American cultural institutions have sponsored Juneteenth cultural  
21 events designed to make all Americans aware of this celebration;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Juneteenth celebrations are a tribute to those  
24 African Americans who fought so long and worked so hard to  
25 make the dream of equality a reality; now, therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
27 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California  
28 hereby recognizes June 19, 2018, as Juneteenth; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges the people of California to  
30 join in celebrating Juneteenth as a day to honor and reflect on the  
31 significant role that African Americans have played in the history  
32 of the United States and how they have enriched society through  
33 their steadfast commitment to promoting unity and equality; and  
34 be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
36 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Date of Hearing: June 18, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
SCR 145 (Bradford) – As Introduced May 15, 2018

**SENATE VOTE:** 38-0

**SUBJECT:** Juneteenth.

**SUMMARY:** Recognizes June 19, 2018, as Juneteenth and urges the people of California to join in celebrating Juneteenth as a day to honor and reflect on the significant role that African Americans have played in the history of the United States. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Juneteenth, also known as “Juneteenth Independence Day,” “Emancipation Day,” “Emancipation Celebration,” and “Freedom Day,” is the oldest African American holiday observance in the United States.
- 2) Juneteenth, or June 19, 1865, is considered the date when the last slaves in America were freed when General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, and issued General Order No. 3, almost two and one-half years after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.
- 3) For former slaves, the Juneteenth celebration was a time for reassuring each other, praying, and gathering remaining family members together. Juneteenth continued to be highly revered in Texas decades later, with many former slaves and descendants making an annual pilgrimage back to Galveston on this date.
- 4) The observance of Juneteenth, a reminder of emancipation, spread from Texas to the neighboring states of Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, as well as Alabama, Florida, and California, where many African American Texans migrated. Thirty-nine states, including California in 2003 and the District of Columbia have recognized Juneteenth as either a state holiday or a state holiday observance.
- 5) Today, Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas, a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics, and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing and is a time for assessment, self-improvement, and planning for the future.
- 6) Juneteenth celebrations are a tribute to those African Americans who fought so long and worked so hard to make the dream of equality a reality.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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