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June 12, 2007

**JUNTEENTH WEEK
June 16 – 22, 2007**

June 19, or “Juneteenth”, is recognized as the first celebrated Holiday for African Americans in the United States, commemorating the day when slaves initially received word of their own freedom; and

JUNETEENTH has become an integral part of African-American history, a festive occasion for family gathering and other celebrations in honor of freedom, dignity and community pride; and

The Juneteenth Celebration Committee is a Black Organization dedicated to increase the awareness of the Worldwide African Diaspora and African Cultural influence especially that which was brought to the Americas through the Pre-Colombian Middle Passage phenomenon on and after the Emancipation Proclamation; and

JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE in collaboration with the City of Santa Monica and along with many Tuskegee Airmen, Tomorrow’s Aeronautical Museum, 9th and 10th Horse Cavalry Legacy (Buffalo Soldiers), organizations and Businesses are this year celebrating its 15th Annual Juneteenth Holiday:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles does hereby proclaim June 16-22, 2007 as JUNETEENTH Week throughout the County of Los Angeles and encourage all resident to reflect on the significance of this important event in the history of our African-American community.

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