

To: Purdue University Senate
From: Educational Policy Committee
Purdue Graduate Student Government
Purdue Student Government
Subject: Resolution Establishing the Record of Juneteenth on the Purdue University Academic Calendar
Reference: Joint Resolution 23-JR001
Disposition: University Senate for Discussion and Adoption

Rationale: On 4 October 2023, the Purdue Student Governments adopted a joint resolution to honor Juneteenth in the Academic Calendar, as well as their own respective calendars.

Proposal: Purdue University Senate endorses the Student Senates' joint resolution to recognize Juneteenth with no effect on / time off of class schedules.

EPC Committee Votes:**For:**

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Burton (Lee) Artz
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Against:

N/A

Abstained:

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Senators
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**PURDUE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENTS**

Joint Resolution 23-JR001



**Resolution establishing the recognition of Juneteenth on the Purdue
University Academic Calendar**

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WHEREAS, Juneteenth represents a pivotal moment in American history, recognizing the historical significance of the Emancipation Proclamation reaching the enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, in 1865¹; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2021, Juneteenth was officially designated as a nationally recognized federal holiday², reflecting its importance on the national stage; and

WHEREAS, Indiana State Governor Eric Holcomb issued a proclamation in 2022 to recognize Juneteenth, signifying the state's acknowledgment of this important day³; and

WHEREAS, Honoring this day signifies Purdue University's commitment to recognizing the importance of diversity, inclusivity, and the vital contributions of African Americans to America's history; and

WHEREAS, Adding Juneteenth to the academic calendar will promote cultural awareness, foster a sense of unity and understanding among students, and allow for educational opportunities around this pivotal moment in American history; and

WHEREAS, Out of the sixteen BIG 10 schools, eleven recognize Juneteenth as a holiday on their academic calendar: Indiana University, Northwestern University, University of Michigan, University of Maryland, University of Minnesota, Ohio State University, University of Illinois, Rutgers University, Penn State, UCLA, and University of Southern California.

¹ National Museum of African American History <https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories/historical-legacy-juneteenth>

² The White House (2021), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/06/18/a-proclamation-on-juneteenth-day-of-observance-2021/>

³ Governor Eric Holcomb (2022), <https://twitter.com/govholcomb/status/1538491789593616386?s=21&t=ozAoas60CXeN1IVRFsnHhQ>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Purdue Student Government (PSG) and Purdue Graduate Student Government (PGSG) recognize Juneteenth on their respective calendars.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution be considered a joint resolution between PSG and PGSG for presentation to the University Senate Committees.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The PGSG President sends this Resolution on its passage in the Purdue Graduate Student Senate (PGSS) to the Educational Policy Committee of the University Senate; Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee; and the Student Affairs Committee for inclusion of Juneteenth on the Purdue University Academic Calendar.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The contents of the joint resolution between the PSG and PGSG, conditional on passage in both PSG and PGSG, be drawn up at a Presidential Delegation between both governments within 7 business days of both resolutions being passed on the senate floor of each government.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 4th day of October 2023.

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President, PGSG

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