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Commemorating Juneteenth 2023

Sacramento, CA – To commemorate Juneteenth 2023, the Honorable Carlton G. Davis made the following statement today on behalf of the Sacramento Superior Court:

Inclusivity is a hallmark of the Sacramento Superior Court and Juneteenth allows us to reflect on how far we have come as a country. On January 1, 1863 President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation which freed more than 3 million slaves.

Slaves in the State of Texas did not learn of their liberation until two years later on June 19, 1865. Union troops informed the former slaves about the end of the Civil War and their freedom which caused numerous celebrations.

The 13th Amendment officially ended slavery, but annual Juneteenth celebrations commemorated the end of slavery for many in the United States. Juneteenth became a federal holiday in June 2021 and a California state holiday June 2022.

Both sides of my family are descendants of slaves and my father went to segregated schools. Juneteenth set the path for Black people to have the opportunity to achieve whatever dream they might have – including becoming a judge.

Sacramento Superior Court Carlton G. Davis was appointed to the bench by Governor Gavin Newsom in 2020.