



**METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY™
OF DENVER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-3-18

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COLORADO SB 22-139
MEMORIALIZING JUNETEENTH AS A STATE HOLIDAY**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan State University of Denver (“MSU Denver”) Board of Trustees desires to affirm its commitment to MSU Denver’s diverse student population as the University that educates the largest number of Black students in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, MSU Denver’s Board of Trustees stands with our students in calling for the freedom, achievement and history of the Black community to be celebrated; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth National Independence Day, commonly known as Juneteenth, officially became the 11th federal holiday on June 17, 2021, and the first holiday to be added to the list of federal holidays since the recognition of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday in 1983; and

WHEREAS, the Juneteenth holiday honors the end to slavery in the United States. Although it has long been celebrated in the African American community, Juneteenth remains largely unknown to most Americans. In collaboration with many of our student advocates and community members, MSU Denver promotes and supports recognizing this date as Colorado’s 11th official state holiday.

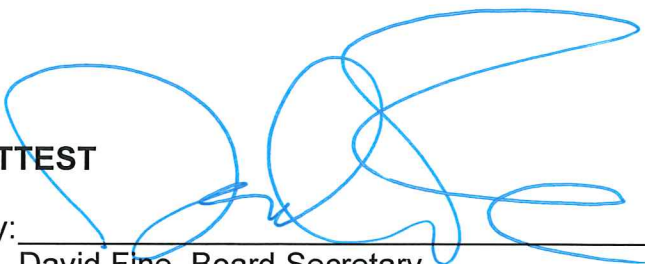
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MSU Denver Board of Trustees hereby supports the passage and enactment of Colorado Senate Bill 22-139 memorializing Juneteenth and recognizing that date as an official state holiday.

APPROVED this 18th day of March, 2022.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

By: 
Russell Noles, Chair



ATTEST
By: 
David Fine, Board Secretary