

SENATE RESOLUTION

8668

By Senator Fain

1 WHEREAS, June 19th is recognized as a celebration of the
2 Emancipation Proclamation and the ending of slavery in the state of
3 Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, This date is celebrated across the United States as
5 Juneteenth; and

6 WHEREAS, Juneteenth gives us time to take pause and reflect on
7 the importance of this historic day and the important contributions
8 of African American culture; and

9 WHEREAS, The Kent Black Action Commission is a local organization
10 that works to improve awareness of and find solutions to issues
11 important to African Americans in the Kent community around politics,
12 health, social issues, and education; and

13 WHEREAS, The Kent Black Action Commission promotes citizenship
14 each year with an annual student trip to the Washington State Capitol
15 on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; and

16 WHEREAS, The Kent Black Action Commission recognizes the
17 importance of Juneteenth as part of our nation's history and each
18 year hosts celebration featuring song, dance, recognition of local
19 students, and sharing of African American culture with the local
20 community; and

21 WHEREAS, This year's celebration will take place in Morrill
22 Meadows Park in Kent and features the talents of local jazz guitarist
23 Michael Powers;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
2 Senate recognize the Kent Black Action Commission for leading
3 efforts to Juneteenth in the city of Kent and for its years of
4 dedication and service to the Kent Community.

5 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
6 do hereby certify that this is a true and
7 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8668,
8 adopted by the Senate
9 June 13, 2017

10 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
11 Secretary of the Senate