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Today the Berrien County Board of Commissioners passed the following resolution (C2206294)

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2022, the Michigan Supreme Court ordered that “Juneteenth”, June 19, would be observed by all state courts as a paid holiday, and this year will be observed on Monday, June 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, this is an additional holiday above what is identified in County Policy ADM-4020; and

WHEREAS, as designed, this would provide an additional holiday for ONLY court employees in Berrien County; and

WHEREAS, adding this as a holiday for only court employees places additional burden on all other county staff; and

WHEREAS, in a time when Berrien County is trying to attract and retain workers to fill vacancies across the board, providing an additional holiday for only a specific group of employees would hinder that effort.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes that June 20, 2022 will be a paid day off for all county employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at this time, the paid day off will only be recognized for all county staff this year, while staff looks at all the pieces and parts involved with the consideration of it in the future.

With the passage of this resolution, all County facilities will be closed on Monday, June 20, 2022. Questions or concerns can be forwarded to the County Administration at 269-983-7111 (ext. 8095) or email akrieger@berriencounty.org.