# **Memorandum of Understanding Between**

# Thurston County,

## **Thurston County Family and Juvenile Court** and

## **OPEIU Local 8, Juvenile Detention Officers**

### **Implementation of Juneteenth in 2022**

During the 2021 legislative session, Washington State adopted June 19th as a state paid holiday. Commonly referred to as "Juneteenth," this holiday commemorates when the last enslaved African Americans learned they were free in 1865 in Galveston, Texas, two years after the Emancipation Proclamation.

The parties' collective bargaining agreements expire on December 31, 2022, and, absent mutual agreement, do not currently recognize Juneteenth as a holiday. Due to the importance of recognizing this holiday and until the existing agreement is subject to renegotiation, the parties agree to the following:

#### Agreement

- 1. In 2022, Juneteenth will be observed in accordance with all existing rules and agreements related to paid holidays.
- 2. This agreement is non-precedent setting. The parties understand that bargaining for the successor to the 2020-2022 collective bargaining agreement will include negotiations over how to incorporate on-going inclusion of this holiday.

By their signatures below, the parties acknowledge their understanding and acceptance of this agreement:

**OPEIU LOCAL 8:** 

John Ad

OPEIU Union Representative

THURSTON COUNTY FAMILY AND JUVENILE COURT

SIGNED FOR THE COURT:

Judge

Juvenile Court-Administrator.

THURSTON COUNTY

SIGNED FOR THE COUNTY:

Labor Relations Negotiator

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