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Kello has experience in both public and private social services agencies, organizational management, and currently owns five dogs. In his board application, Kello wrote, "I want to be a positive, active member of the OCHS. I am dedicated to and passionate about the animals in our shelter and in our community. In the end, it is all about their success and ability to thrive."

Members are elected to serve staggered three-year terms that allow for continuity of service while keeping the door open to new members each year.

OCHS elections take place annually with the total number of board openings determined by the presiding board. Ballots are mailed to OCHS members in good standing late in May and are due back by a designated date each June.

New board members are welcomed to a transitional board meeting soon thereafter and are normally seated in early July. The board then elects its officers to serve from July 1 to June 30.

For more information on the OCHS, or how to volunteer or support it financially, contact 541-997-4277 or visit OregonCoastHumaneSociety.org.

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the date adopted by the African-American community as the day that slavery was finally ended. It is often called both "Juneteenth" and "Freedom Day."

History has shown, however, that the Emancipation Proclamation only applied to Confederate states and not those in the East or in New England. That freedom wasn't legally extended to African-Americans in those regions until the passage of the 13th Amendment by Congress in January 1865, and eventually ratified by the states in December 1865.

Juneteenth is not an official national holiday but has become the day when African Americans celebrate independence. This year, the date became a political and cultural flash point when President Trump scheduled a political rally to be held June 19 in Tulsa, Okla. — a city that was also the location of the 1921 raiding of a prosperous Black neighborhood known as the "Black Wall Street Massacre," when more than 100 blacks residents were killed and dozens of businesses and homes were burned over Memorial Day Weekend of that year.

Juneteenth celebrations are often regional in nature, highlighting food and entertainment along with speakers, preachers and teachers.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown issued a proclamation, stating, "This year, celebrating Black freedom and achievement on Juneteenth is more important than ever as people across Oregon, the United States and around the world protest systemic racism and unequivocally show that Black Lives Matter."

"I encourage all Oregonians to join me in observing Juneteenth by getting



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Florence honored the history of Juneteenth with a commemorative gathering and march on Friday.

educated on systemic racism in this country and getting involved in the fight for racial justice."

Locally, members of Florence ORGANizes (FOR) held a rally and march on Juneteenth yesterday to recognize the importance of the date. The group celebrated Freedom Day with a gathering of people of all ages at the Florence United Methodist

Church on Kingwood Street.

A statement from State Sen. Arnie Roblan was read at the rally, in which Roblan echoes Brown's call for a re-examination of the many Americans still hold.

"It's time we did better, that's why I support Gov. Brown's efforts and the idea of Juneteenth becoming a state holiday. Oregon can show leadership in this undertaking and commemorate a day for our African American friends and neighbors," Roblan said.

Along with a group from FOR were some unaffiliated members from the community who were there to show support of the day.

They were also there to acknowledge the day's meaning in the current context of nationwide marches that began following the

killing of George Floyd by members of the Minneapolis, Minn., police on May 25 and the death of countless other black Americans.

The incident has since been galvanized into a national conversation fueled by protests both across the U.S. and the world in an effort to force major reform regarding the disproportionate use of excessive force on black people and communities of color by law enforcement agencies.

The number of marches and protesters have come to rival those of the troubled Vietnam War era and the associated social justice marches of the late 1960s and early '70s.

As of Thursday, the president's scheduled rally in Oklahoma had been moved to June 20.

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