

# Juneteenth

## History

Juneteenth is an annual holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the U.S.

On January 1, 1863, Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared that all enslaved people were free, but many people still remained enslaved, especially in Texas.

On June 19, 1865, over two years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, Union Troops rode into Galveston, Texas to announce that the Civil War was over and all enslaved people were free.

The name "Juneteenth" is formed by combining "June" and "nineteenth".

Juneteenth is also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Emancipation Day and Liberation Day.

What do  
the colors  
represent?

For the blood that unites  
all Black African ancestry  
and shed for liberation

For the people of Black  
African Ancestry

For the abundant natural  
wealth of Africa

## Potluck

Please join us!

**Where:**

**Who:**  
All staff

**Why:**  
To celebrate  
Juneteenth

**When:**  
Friday, June 17th  
at...

**What:**  
See food suggestions  
and plans here