

Celebrating Juneteenth

Juneteenth (June 19), now a national holiday, commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. It is a time to celebrate African American culture, history and achievements. Here are ways you can be a part of Juneteenth.

- 1 Know the history.** Although the Emancipation Proclamation was issued in January 1863 and the Civil War had ended, enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas were not notified of their freedom until June 19, 1865.
- 2 Explore deeply.** Read articles and books for more about the background of Juneteenth. Visit museums to learn about African American history, culture and art.
- 3 Join in.** Look for Juneteenth celebrations planned for your area such as street fairs, parades, faith services, concerts, cookouts and more.
- 4 Be an ally.** Use the day to become an ally. Uplift the Black community by volunteering at a Juneteenth or voting rights event, donating to a charity and supporting African American-owned businesses.



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