JUNETEENTH

History

Juneteenth is a holiday that honors the end of slavery in the United States. On June 19th, 1865, federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, and took control of the state, ensuring that all slaves were freed. This arrival of federal troops occurred two years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation that proclaimed that all enslaved people be forever free. Juneteenth is the oldest African American holiday.

June 19, 1865

What does each symbol represent?

STAR- Both Texas, the Lone Star State, where the event occurred and the freedom of African Americans from all 50 states

BURST- Inspired by a nova, the birthing of a new star

ARC- A new horizon, the opportunities that lay ahead for Black Americans

COLORS- Red, white and blue represent the American flag, and remind us that slaves and their descendants were and are Americans

DATE- June 19, 1865- the date enslaved Black people in Galveston, Texas became free under the law.

CELEBRATE
- Attend local events celebrating Juneteenth
- Listen to music by Black artists

LEARN
- Visit a museum or exhibit dedicated to Black culture
- Read books about Black history or written by Black authors

ACT
- Shop at Black owned businesses
- Join Anti-Racist local activist groups
- Place BLM sign in your window

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