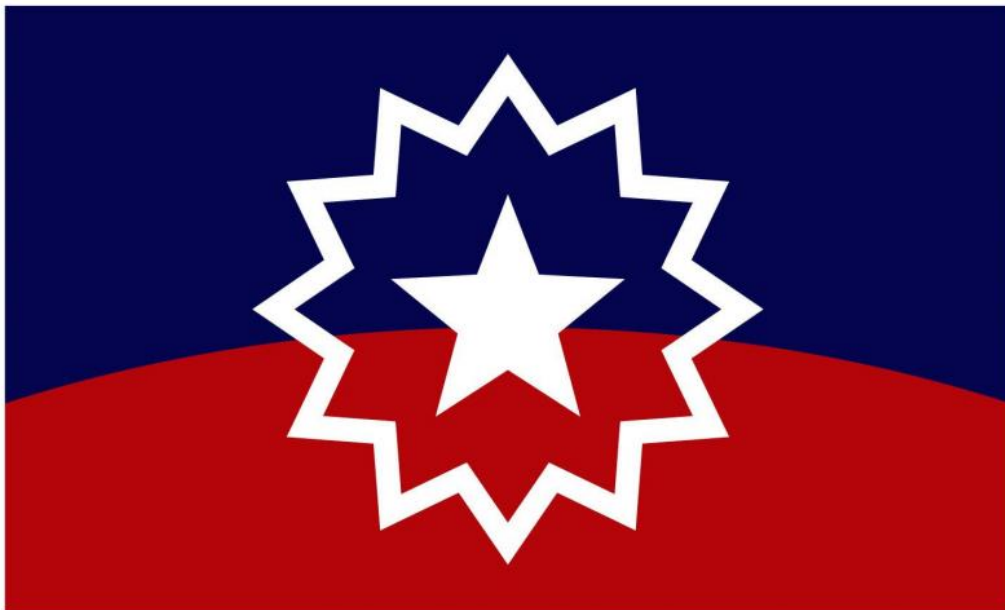


JUNETEENTH - THIS IS THE DAY OF JUBILEE

Although the Thirteenth Amendment ended slavery throughout the United States, not all Black Americans were liberated instantly. Slavery in Texas was basically unaffected by the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863. In Confederate controlled states, such as in the westernmost state of Texas, enslaved people would not be free until two and half year later. Freedom finally came on June 19, 1865 when Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas and announced that the more than 250,000 enslaved black people in the state were free by executive decree.

In 1865, the following year, freedmen in Texas organized the first "Jubilee Day" on June 19, 1865. This day came to be known as "Juneteenth" (short for June Nineteenth), by the newly freed Black individuals in Texas. Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is the longest-running African American holiday.



Resources

LINKS

- [JUNETEENTH - NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE](#)
- [HISTORY CHANNEL – JUNETEETH](#)

BOOKS

- JUNETEENTH BY RALPH ELLISON
- ON JUNETEETH BY ANNETTE GORDON-REED

BOOKS – CHILDREN

- ALL DIFFERENT NOW: JUNETEENTH, THE FIRST FREEDOM DAY - ANGELA JOHNSON
- JUNETEENTH FOR MAZIE – FLOYD COOPER

DOCUMENTARY

- PBS – [JUNETEENTH JAMBOREE](#)