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The world we live in is unsettling, fragile, and volatile as we witness on a daily basis the compromising of our safety and human rights. Our country has come a long way but recognizing its painful history and acknowledging those and their ancestors who persevered keeps us connected as human beings regardless of color. It is this connection that allows us to celebrate our diversity and the strength that it cultivates. June 19 marks the anniversary of Juneteenth also known as Emancipation Day or Freedom Day, commemorating the emancipation of enslaved black Americans.

The original Juneteenth celebrations took place on the Texas Gulf Coast. Today these celebrations take place throughout our nation and the world, recognizing the resilience, power and achievements of black Americans. Now all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to truthfully acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today. When we are informed of the conditions and experiences of others, we can then move forward to make significant and lasting improvements in our society remembering that the fight for justice for ONE is a fight for justice for ALL. As a person of color along with our Human Rights committee and you, our members join together in celebrating both the end of this atrocity and the strength of those who endured.

Please look for events in your area to commemorate, honor, and to learn more about the true meaning of this holiday.

In Unity,

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MEC Human Rights Committee Chairperson
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