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The African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey
Announces that Governor Phil Murphy will make remarks at
The Third Annual Juneteenth Black Business Expo at The College of New Jersey.

(TRENTON, NJ – March 12, 2025) The African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey (AACCNJ) announces that Governor Phil Murphy will make remarks as a Special Guest Speaker at their Third Annual Juneteenth Black Business Expo on June 12th, at The College of New Jersey in Ewing, NJ, in the Brower Student Center.

"We are pleased with Governor Murphy's attendance. It is significant to have his participation at the Juneteenth Black Business Expo for the third consecutive year," said John E. Harmon, Sr., IOM, Founder, President & CEO, AACCNJ. "The Governor will be joining the AACCNJ to recognize Juneteenth and extend his support for the mission of the AACCNJ as we embark on our 18th year of advocacy and coalescing relationships that strengthen the competitiveness of NJ. Our ultimate goal is to continue to collaborate with the Murphy Administration and the private sector in New Jersey to create a transformational collaboration based on acknowledgment, focus, intentionality, and excellence," said Harmon.

The 2025 Expo themed "Resilience is our Heritage" will be a dynamic, educational, and collaborative event focusing on entrepreneurship, and the economic and cultural empowerment of underperforming communities. The Juneteenth Expo provides a forum to highlight African American entrepreneurs from various business sectors along with over fifty corporations, Black owned businesses, community partners and state agencies, each of which will display their products and services in a transformed exhibit space that incorporates the history of Black Wall Street, and black entrepreneurial excellence.

There are numerous sponsorship and exhibit opportunities designed to appeal to AACCNJ corporate and member companies that will provide a platform to display their services to a large audience. Visit the website **https://www.aaccnj.com**

Juneteenth Black Business Expo 2025 Elite Sponsors are Prudential and Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield

of NJ, Innovator Sponsors are Electra Grid, Citizens & PSEG and Visionary Sponsors are United, Meritain Health an Aetna Company, and Ocean First Bank.

Juneteenth – History

On June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, with some 2,000 Union troops and the message that slavery would no longer be tolerated in the states. Since 1866 that day's anniversary—known as Juneteenth, a combination of *June* and *nineteenth*—has been celebrated as the symbolic end of American slavery.[1]

About the African American Chamber of Commerce of NJ

About the African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey, The AACCNJ performs an essential role in the economic viability of New Jersey. While providing a platform for New Jersey's African American business leaders to speak with a collective voice, the AACCNJ advocates and promotes economic diversity fostering a climate of business growth through major initiatives centering on education and public policy. The Chamber serves as a proactive advocacy group with a 501(c) 3 tax exemption, which is shared by the National Black Chamber of Commerce.

[1] https://www.britannica.com/story/what-is-the-history-of-juneteenth