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WEST PALM CELEBRATES JUNETEENTH IN STYLE

(West Palm Beach, FL) - This year the 2nd Annual Declaration Juneteenth Solidarity Celebration will be held at the Meyer Amphitheater located at 104 Datura Street, West Palm Beach, 33401. The festivities begin on Saturday, June 19th, 2021 from 1:00pm – 9:00pm.

The opening ceremony will have a color guard and welcome all present with invocations from pastors of the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church and New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, and singing of the Black National Anthem, *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. Additionally, a presentation made by an historian will answer the 5Ws for those unfamiliar with Juneteenth and signal the next phase of the celebration.

One of the highlights of the day will be the announcement of the names and schools of the winner and runner up of the county wide Harriet Tubman Essay contest for 8th graders. They will be presented with \$300 and \$200 awards, respectively. The winner will also be able to read their essay to the audience. Following, will be the Tabernacle Drama Ministry presenting a staged reading of an original work by Anderson Kurtz entitled, "*Miss Moses, A Biography of Harriet Tubman.*" Welcomes will continue in the form of words, music, and dance by various political figures, performers and groups.

No Juneteenth Celebration would be complete without a wide array of entertainment and food throughout the day, including a variety of tents where can be found artists and artisans work, children's activities, including face painting and games, plus free CoVID19 vaccinations, voter registration, and free food distribution. Also under the tents will be community organizations providing information such as the United Way, Legal Aid Society, and 211. 300 free BBQ meals from Troy's BBQ will be offered between 5 and 6 pm and then at 7 pm the live music begins for a concert in the park featuring the band Soulfam.

This celebration is presented by the Juneteenth Organizing Committee, a nonpartisan group of over 30 community organizations including Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, Mothers Against Murderers Assoc., NOW PBC, Black Village Voice News, Corey Jones Fd., United Plus, Hospitality Helping Hands, People of Purpose, New Macedonia Church, and 20 Kiwanis District Florida. For further information contact info@pbcea.org.

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