

# Happy Juneteenth!



[Juneteenth was officially signed a federal holiday by President Joe Biden in 2021.](#)  
The holiday has been celebrated since 1865 and originated in Galveston, Texas.

**June 19** is a day that celebrates the end of slavery and the freedom of enslaved Black Americans in Galveston, Texas two months after Robert E. Lee surrendered and almost two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. It is the country's oldest national celebration commemorating the end of slavery.

**The goal of Juneteenth is to celebrate Black lives, amplify Black voices, and showcase the resilience of Black people.**

Click the video below or [here](#) to learn more.



See local Juneteenth events below:

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