

JUNETEENTH

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CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth marks our country's second independence day. Though it has long been celebrated among the African American community, it is a history that has been marginalized and still remains largely unknown to the wider public.

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THE HISTORICAL LEGACY OF JUNETEENTH

On "Freedom's Eve," or the eve of January 1, 1863, the first Watch Night services took place. On that night, enslaved and free African Americans gathered in churches and private homes all across the country awaiting news that the Emancipation Proclamation had taken effect.

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We invite you to engage in your history, learn where you came from, and discover (or share) ways to celebrate this holiday. On this day we are bringing the Museum to you through presentations, stories, photographs, and recipes from the Sweet Home Café.

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- ▶ On June 19, 1865, Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas, with the news that the more than 250,000 enslaved black people in the state, were free by executive decree. This day came to be known as "**Juneteenth**," by the newly freed people in Texas.
- ▶ Do you know the story of Juneteenth? Learn more at @NMAAHC: <https://s.si.edu/2IrWZWG>



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