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Juneteenth Holiday

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What is Juneteenth? In short, Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

June 19th became a federal holiday in 2021 however, it has a rich history of celebration before President Biden officially recognized the day as a holiday. Juneteenth, which is officially known as Juneteenth National Independence Day, can also be referred to as, Jubilee Day, Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, and Black Independence Day.

The last state of the US to proclaim freedom for enslaved people was Texas, when on June 19th, 1863 an announcement was made by General Order No. 3. Due to its geographic location, Texas was the last state to hear and recognize the news of President Lincoln's emancipation Proclamation.

How is Juneteenth celebrated today?

"Juneteenth today, celebrates African American freedom and achievement, while encouraging

continuous self-development and respect for all cultures," [according to the holiday's website](#).

The Juneteenth website also states that historically, "food was abundant because everyone prepared a special dish. Meats such as lamb, pork, and beef which were not available everyday were brought on this special occasion. A true Juneteenth celebration left every visitor "well satisfied and with enough conversation to last until the next."

However you choose to acknowledge the holiday we hope that you can take this opportunity to honor and celebrate Black history, culture, and futures.

For more information about events in Albuquerque see,

<https://www.cabq.gov/office-of-equity-inclusion/events/2022-juneteenth>

For more information on the Federal holiday see,

<https://www.govinfo.gov/features/juneteenth>

See the Smithsonian's Gallery on the Historical Legacy of Juneteenth

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories/historical-legacy-juneteenth>

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