

(Re)Learning Moment

Juneteenth

In 1865, two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to ensure the freedom of all enslaved people. While Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered two months earlier in Virginia effectively ending the Civil War, the practice of slavery remained in Texas until United States (U.S.) General Gordon Granger arrived to signal the freedom of 250,000 enslaved persons. First celebrated in 1866, Juneteenth, also known as June Nineteenth, commemorates the end of slavery in the U.S. as the longest-running African American holidays.

(Re)Learn About Juneteenth

- [Celebrating Juneteenth](#) - video and essay from the National Museum of African American History & Culture
- [Juneteenth](#) - narrative of the history of Juneteenth from Texas State Historical Association
- [Juneteenth: Our Other Independence Day](#) - essay from Smithsonian Magazine
- [Juneteenth: A Day of Reflection, Celebration, and Action](#) - featured article from UT Library
- [The Historical Legacy of Juneteenth](#) - essay from the National Museum of African American History & Culture

Ways to Engage

1 [Beck Cultural Center - Juneteenth 2022](#)

2 [A4BL 2022: Pathways to Liberated Black Futures](#)

3 [2022 Juneteenth Symposium Celebration](#)