

19 JUNETEENTH EMANCIPATION DAY

As of [June 2023](#), June 19th is established as Juneteenth Day of Observance, a federal holiday celebrating the end of slavery in the United States



On [June 19th of 1865](#), 2 years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation and 2 months after the surrender of the confederate army, enslaved people in Galveston Texas were told of their freedom.

Although this is a Federal holiday, not [all states recognize it as a public holiday](#) yet. As of 2023, [Juneteenth is a floating holiday in NC](#).



Photo from the [National Museum of African American History and Culture](#), “Emancipation Day celebration, June 19, 1900 held in "East Woods" on East 24th Street in Austin. Credit: Austin History Center.”

Resources

Check out the NMAAHC’s [Juneteenth Digital Toolkit](#) to learn more about Juneteenth and those who celebrate it

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