



Juneteenth: A Legacy of Freedom and Perseverance

On June 19, 1865, Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas, with an executive order that liberated 250,000 enslaved people in the state. This event came two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. The delay was due to the slow spread of information and the continued resistance of Confederate states. Juneteenth, a blend of June and nineteenth, this pivotal moment in American history, symbolizing the end of slavery in the United States.

Juneteenth is a day of profound historical importance and a powerful symbol of freedom and resilience. By recognizing and celebrating this day, we honor the enduring spirit and contributions of African Americans. It is a reminder of the ongoing pursuit of equality and justice, and a call to action to support and uplift diverse voices and communities. C&F is honored to recognize and celebrate this monumental day, contributing to the ongoing dialogue and advocacy for human rights and equality.

Ways to Celebrate and Educate

1. Attend Local Events such as parades, festivals, and educational programs. These gatherings provide opportunities to learn and celebrate together.
2. Visit Black History Museums; they offer profound insights into the experiences and contributions of Black Americans throughout history.
3. Support Black Organizations that work to uplift the Black community, whether through donations, volunteer work, or advocacy.

