

### JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM JUNE 19TH

#### *On June 17, 2021, Juneteenth Officially Becomes a Federal Holiday*

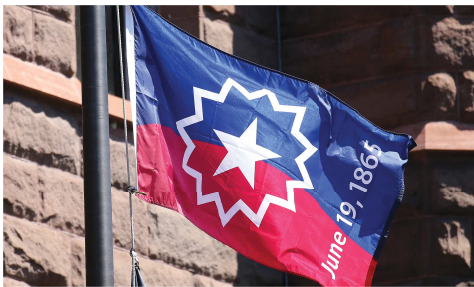


Juneteenth National Independence Day falls on Sunday, June 19, 2022, and is a federal holiday according to the Office of Personnel Management. Most federal employees will receive the following Monday as a day off of work.

The newest Federal holiday was signed into law on June 17, 2021, by President Joe Biden to commemorate the end of slavery in the U.S. following the conclusion of the Civil War.

#### **Celebrating Juneteenth in Style**

**For decades, Juneteenth commemorations has featured music, barbecues, prayer services and other activities, today in many areas people still carry on the traditions of celebrations and know they include parades, story time and cook-offs**



**Juneteenth** (short for “June Nineteenth”) marks the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. The troops’ arrival came a full two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday.

Confederate General Robert E. Lee had surrendered at Appomattox Court House two months earlier in Virginia, but slavery had remained relatively unaffected in Texas—until U.S. General Gordon Granger stood on Texas soil and read General Orders No. 3: “The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free.”

#### **The Emancipation Proclamation**

The Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863, had established that all enslaved people in Confederate states in rebellion against the Union “shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free.”

But in reality, the Emancipation Proclamation didn’t instantly free any enslaved people. The proclamation only applied to places under Confederate control and not to slave-holding border states or rebel areas already under Union control. However, as Northern troops advanced into the Confederate South, many enslaved people fled behind Union lines.

To learn more visit <https://www.history.com/news/what-is-juneteenth>

#### **Sharing Stories Through Food to Celebrate Juneteenth at UC Davis**



***"Food is a universal language to learn and celebrate with each other"***  
Sandra Bullock, Retail Food Service Manager, Food and Nutrition Services

Food and Nutrition Services and the African American Faculty and Staff Association collaborate to showcase recipes in celebration of Juneteenth.

Make your way to the cafeteria **Friday June 17th** and enjoy a curated Juneteenth menu! Be sure to look for this year's winning recipe that will be on display.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

1. *Following the issuing of the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, not all enslaved people immediately found freedom.*
2. *Part of General Order No. 3 encouraged the newly freed people to remain with their past owners*
3. *Juneteenth has been celebrated under many names. Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, and Cel-Liberation Day, Second Independence Day, and Emancipation Day to name just a few.*
4. *Emancipation Park in Houston, Texas was bought specifically to celebrate Juneteenth.*
5. *There are states that do not celebrate Juneteenth, they are Montana, Hawaii, New Hampshire, North Dakota, and South Dakota*