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A Celebration of Freedom
None are Free, Until All are Free

JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth National Independence Day, signed into law June 17, 2021, is the actualization of the 13th Amendment. The Modern Juneteenth movement was introduced to 43 states and the District of Columbia by National Juneteenth Observance Foundation founder, Rev. Ronald V. Myers, Sr. M.D. (1956-2018). It recognizes Galveston TX, June 19, 1865, when over 3,000 United States Colored Troops (USCT) in uniform, marched through the town telling those held enslaved, they were free. Major General Gordon Granger issued General Order #3 which was posted on the door of Reedy Chapel, and confirmed, by the minister.



Rev. Ronald 'Doc' Myers was also a leading national advocate for healthcare to the poor and disenfranchised. He practiced medicine in America's poorest region, the Mississippi Delta,

Rev. Myers' Holiday vision became a reality June 17, 2021 when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day legislation with NJOF board member, Ms. Opal Lee at the table.



HISTORY

Juneteenth has been an African American tradition since 1865. Economic and cultural forces caused a decline in Juneteenth celebrations beginning in the early 20th century. The Depression forced many blacks off farms and into the cities where employers were less eager to grant leaves to celebrate Juneteenth.

1968, Juneteenth received a strong resurgence through the Poor Peoples March to Washington, Rev. Ralph Abernathy's call for people of all races, creeds, economic levels and professions to come to Washington to show support for the poor. Many attendees initiated Juneteenth celebrations in areas previously absent of such activity.

The "**Modern Juneteenth Movement**" began in 1994, when nationwide Juneteenth leaders gathered in New Orleans, LA, at Christian Unity Baptist Church to work for greater national recognition of Juneteenth. The historic meeting was convened by Rev. John Mosley, Director of the New Orleans Juneteenth Freedom Celebration including the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation (NJOF). Prior to this gathering, Juneteenth America, Inc., (JAI) founder John Thompson, organized the first National Juneteenth Convention & Expo, and the National Juneteenth Celebration Foundation (NJCF) was founded by Ben Haith, creator of the official Juneteenth Flag. Several national Juneteenth organizations were ignited from this historic gathering.

In 1997, through the leadership of Lula Briggs Galloway, President of the NAJL and Rev. Ronald V. Myers, Sr., M.D., Chairman of the NAJL, the U.S. congress officially passed historic legislation recognizing Juneteenth as "Juneteenth Independence Day" in America. Rev. Dr. Myers returned to Washington, DC in 2000, establishing the WASHINGTON JUNETEENTH National Holiday Observance and the campaign for Juneteenth Independence Day as a National Day of Observance.

NJOF NATIONAL AGENDA

Mission: *Celebrate Freedom*

Objective: *Acknowledgment as the Subject Matter Experts on Juneteenth*

Goal: *Legislative Recognition of Juneteenth as a National Day of Observance*

Community Advocacy: *Bridging the Digital Divide*

Community Service: *Inter-County Exchange*

2022 CALENDAR

February 1, 2022 Thank You Program for Supporters of S475, Juneteenth Legislation in Washington D.C.

June 6, 2022 Juneteenth National Flag Day

June 17, 2022 1st Anniversary of the Signing of Juneteenth Legislation

June 19, 2022 Juneteenth & Father's Day

June 20, 2022 Juneteenth Observed

Parade honoring the Fathers of Freedom, United States Colored Troops in Washington D.C.

October 14-16, 2022 5th Annual Meeting Galveston TX

National Miss Juneteenth Galveston TX

Pit Master & Grill Master BBQ Competition Galveston TX

January 2022

NATIONAL JUNETEENTH OBSERVANCE FOUNDATION (NJOF)

America's Juneteenth Foundation

NJOF includes hundreds of local organizations, that have been instrumental in the passage of Juneteenth National Independence Day legislation. The NJOF advances the right of Freedom through its initiatives including education, health, music, art and technology, creating opportunities for a better life for all. By focusing on these key building blocks, the NJOF movement creates long-lasting community change. The NJOF is a call to action for everyone to become a part of the change.

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National Juneteenth Observance Foundation (NJOF)

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OUR MISSION:

"To bring all Americans together to celebrate our common bond of freedom through the recognition, observance, education and historic preservation of Juneteenth in America."