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Juneteenth has a 158 year history as a day of remembrance and celebration. On June 19, 1865 Union troops liberated the last enslaved people, informing them they were free, having been legally liberated two years earlier by the Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863.



Did you know?

It hasn't always been known as Juneteenth. Original celebrations of this day were named "Jubilee Day."

1865

The 13th Amendment was passed, officially abolishing slavery in America.



1979

Texas legally recognizes Juneteenth as an official, paid holiday. Soon, other states begin to proclaim Juneteenth as a holiday.



1997

Boston's Ben Haith creates Juneteenth's official flag.



2019

47 states and the District of Columbia recognize Juneteenth.



2021

U.S. Senate passes a bill making Juneteenth a federal holiday.

How are you celebrating or reflecting on Juneteenth?
Remember: There is no one way to celebrate or honor the lives of Black Americans. Be sure to share your #Juneteenth celebrations.