

JUNE 19TH 2019

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## OUR MISSION:

TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES, WITH RESOURCES, SERVICES, AND NETWORKS TO EMPOWER THEM TO REACH THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Queen B.E.E. Talks - "Money Moves: Budgeting, Savings and More"**

July 29, 2019 4-6pm RSVP Today email at [info@itavcollab.org](mailto:info@itavcollab.org)

**Back to School Supply Drive**

July 23- August 30

**Sisters of Wisdom Mentoring Program**

Coming this fall



# JUNETEENTH

June 19, 2019

Juneteenth is a holiday in the U.S that celebrates the anniversary of the day when Texas was forced to free their remaining slaves on June 19, 1865.

On January 1, 1863 The Emancipation Proclamation came into effect abolishing slavery but Texas would not accept the abolishment. More than 200,000 African Americans were still enslaved and did not receive news of their freedom. On June 19, 1865 General Gordon Granger and Union Soldiers entered Galveston, Texas and forced them to free their slaves.

*"it's difficult to celebrate freedom when your life is defined by oppression on all sides."  
-Jamelle Bouie*



**JUNETEENTH**  
Celebrate Freedom

## Important Facts

- In the 1870s, former slaves purchased 10 acres of land, which they deemed "Emancipation Park." It was the only public park and swimming pool in the Houston area that was open to African Americans until the 1950s.
- Texas was the first state to declare Juneteenth a holiday on January 1, 1980, then other states followed.
- Today it is celebrated across many states but is not yet a national holiday.
- Parades, cookouts, concerts and festivals will take place across the country to keep the history of Juneteenth alive.



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