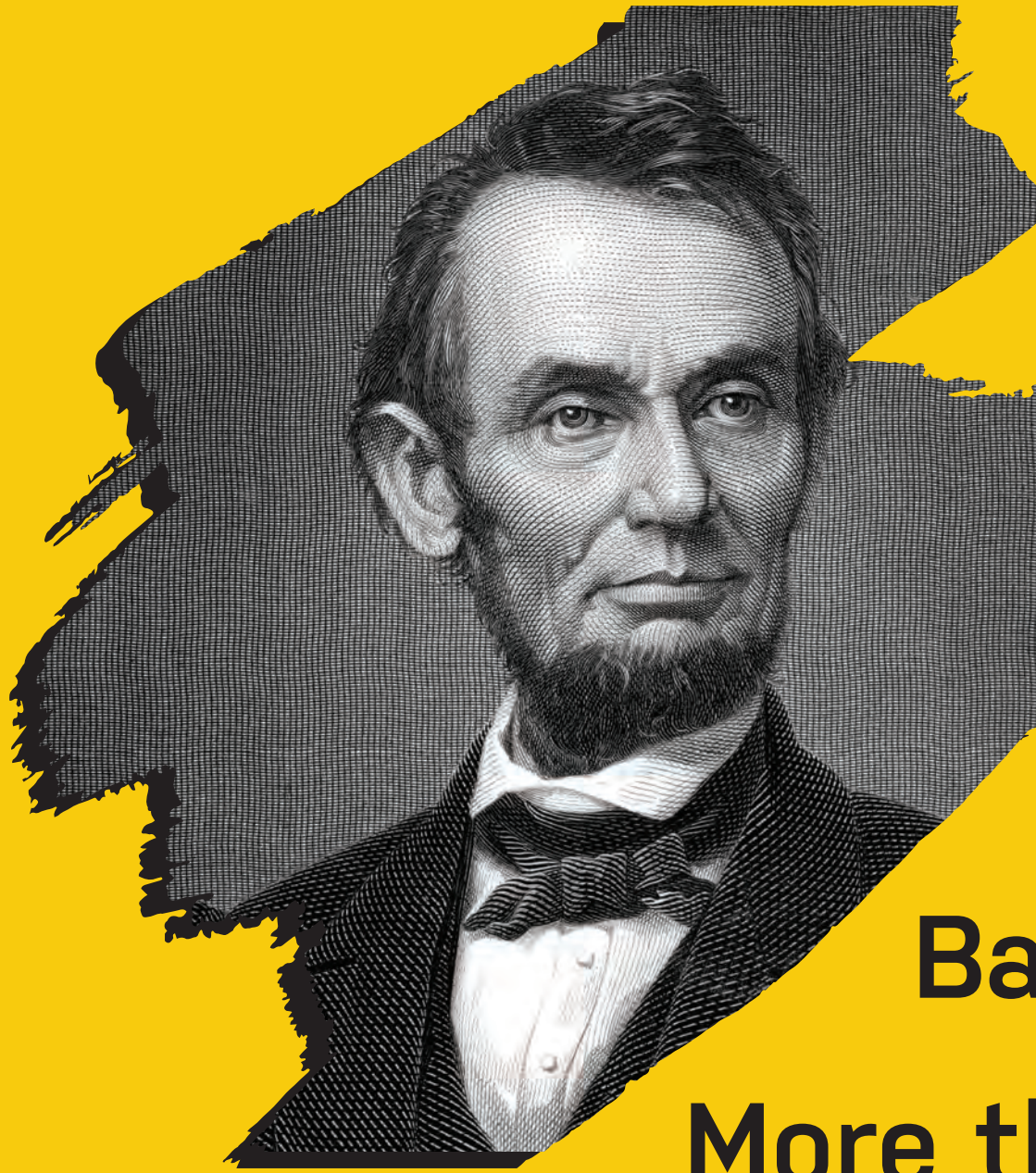


# June 19th FREEDOM DAY FOR BLACK AMERICANS

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## What is Juneteenth?

An annual celebration on June 19 that commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans.



On June 19, 1865, nearly two years after President Abraham Lincoln emancipated enslaved Africans in America, Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas with news of freedom. More than 250,000 African Americans embraced freedom by executive decree in what became known as Juneteenth or Freedom Day. The federal holiday of Juneteenth was established in 2021 and is now recognized in all 50 states.

Juneteenth serves as a day of reflection, remembrance, and celebration, highlighting the resilience and strength of the African American community in the face of adversity. It provides an opportunity to educate others about the impact of slavery and the ongoing fight for equality and justice. It is a time to come together as a community to honor the struggles and triumphs of the past while we look toward a future of unity and progress.

## Celebrations Through the Years



**1900** The Spirit of Charity Art Club Juneteenth Parade float in Houston, Tx.

**1906** June 19, 1906 These were the "officers of the day" at the Emancipation Day Juneteenth Celebration in Texas.

**1922** A decorated car for the St. Augustine Juneteenth parade.

**1930** Henry White playing guitar at an Emancipation Day celebration in Florida.

**1958** Fingers' and Hilscher's softball game at Emancipation in Florida.

**1965** Johnny Nash speaking before a crowd at a Civil Rights Rally in Emancipation Park in Houston, Tx.

**1972** Child playing on the new playground at Emancipation Park which was built on 10 acres of open land in honor of their freedom. Emancipation Park was the only municipal park African Americans could use for many years during racial segregation in the 20th century.

**1987** Johnny Copeland playing the guitar at a concert at Emancipation Park.

**2015** Reenactors recreate a reading of the Emancipation Proclamation at the Knott House Museum in Tallahassee.

**2019** Face painting at the Blues & Sweet Potato Pie Festival Juneteenth celebration in Pompano Beach, FL.

**2021** January 26, 2021 Broward County Commissioners voted to make Juneteenth a day of observance.

**What it was like in Broward during emancipation?** Eula Johnson was the first black woman to vote in Broward County.

