



19th June teenth FREEDOM DAY

Celebrations through Time

What is Juneteenth?

A celebration of the day when enslaved African Americans finally received word they were free.

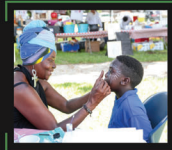
President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation in September of 1862, and it took effect on January 1, 1863. Slavery formally ended with the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution on January 31, 1865. It wasn't until later that year, in June 1865, when Union soldiers landed in Galveston, Texas to tell the enslaved people they were free. Juneteenth, or June 19, is recognized or observed by all states, and nearly half of all states recognize it as an official paid holiday.

On January 26, 2021, Broward County Commissioners voted to make June 19 of each year Juneteenth Celebration Day, a day of observance, education and festivities for all Americans to celebrate freedom and equal rights.



2022

Blues & Sweet Potato Pie festival held annually at the Northwest Branch library



2019

Face painting at the Blues & Sweet Potato Pie Festival Juneteenth celebration



1987

Johnny Copeland playing the guitar at a concert at Emancipation Park



1965

Johnny Nash speaking before a crowd at a Civil Rights Rally in Emancipation Park



1906

The Spirit of Charity Art Club Juneteenth Parade float



What it was like in Broward during the Civil Rights Era

Eula Johnson was the first black woman to vote in Broward County.



For more Juneteenth events visit Broward County Library

