

Juneteenth – Thursday, June 19, 2025



Join HATC in celebrating Juneteenth during the month of June. Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, is considered our country's second Independence Day. The legacy of Juneteenth is rooted in the value of never giving up hope in uncertain times. One of this year's national themes is ***A Reckoning: Reclaiming the Past, Remembering Black Voices, Reshaping the Future.***

Juneteenth was established in remembrance of an almost two-year delay in the enactment of the 1863 Emancipation Proclamation for enslaved African Americans in the State of Texas. The notification occurred on June 19, 1865. The term, "Juneteenth" was created to represent the significance of the date, "June" and "nineteenth". The first Juneteenth celebration occurred in 1866, over a year after enslaved Africans in Texas were notified that they were free. A full historical account of the legacy of Juneteenth is chronicled by the **[National Museum of African American History & Culture.](#)**

In 2021, Juneteenth was recognized as a state holiday in Washington. This year, there will be several Juneteenth celebrations and events occurring during the month of June.

[Summer of Soul Juneteenth Festival](#)

[Northwest African American Museum Juneteenth Celebration](#)

[Atlantic Street Center 24th Annual Juneteenth Celebration](#)

[Eastside for All Honoring Juneteenth 2025](#)

[Juneteenth Community Celebration - Bellevue](#)

[3rd Annual Shoreline Juneteenth Celebration](#)

[Juneteenth Celebration: A Road to Economic Freedom - Tacoma](#)