

White Cap Honors and Celebrates Juneteenth



Monday, June 19 Americans everywhere will honor Juneteenth and celebrate the emancipation of enslaved African American people in the United States.

Although President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, the new law was not widely enforced throughout the entire United States. On June 19, 1865, Union Army General Gordon Granger and his federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, and he told the enslaved people that they were now free, and that the Civil War was over.

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day has been celebrated since the late 1800s with parades, family gatherings and artwork, and more.

Juneteenth was declared a federal holiday in 2021. The holiday is a time to reflect on the atrocities and inequalities that Black Americans have faced throughout history and in the present day.

At White Cap we have an Unwavering commitment to creating a diverse and inclusive work environment for our associates. We know listening intently to different voices and perspectives allows for greater understanding and empathy for our fellow associates, in turn creating an inclusive culture we all thrive in.

We encourage our associates, suppliers and customers to check out the resources to learn more about Juneteenth and ways to celebrate the holiday. Have a safe and happy Juneteenth!

Ways to Celebrate Juneteenth:

- Learn about Juneteenth and its history. View the resources below to start learning.
- Support a Black-owned business. Find a local or online Black-owned business to shop at.
- Read books and watch films by Black authors, poets, writers, and artists.
- Donate to Black-led nonprofits. Check out a few here: [20 Black-led Nonprofit Organizations & Charities Making An Impact](#)

Juneteenth Resources:

- [Juneteenth: What You Need to Know](#)
- [All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom](#)
- [Juneteenth | National Museum of African American History and Culture](#)
- [Juneteenth for Mazie](#) – a free read-aloud video to watch with your kids!
- [53 Juneteenth Recipes Worthy of a Celebration](#) – Prepare a meal mastered by Black chefs and cooks!
- A Celebration of Freedom: 3-part documentary
 - [Juneteenth: Part 1 | Texas Institute for Preservation of History and Culture](#)
 - [Juneteenth: Part 2 | Texas Institute for Preservation of History and Culture](#)
 - [Juneteenth: Part 3 | Texas Institute for Preservation of History and Culture](#)

