

Juneteenth and General Order Number 3

By Galveston Historical Foundation

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Juneteenth and General Order Number 3, read on June 19, 1865, announcing that all slaves were free, is one of Galveston's most important historical moments.

US President Abraham Lincoln announced the Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862. Issued under powers granted to the president "as a fit and necessary war measure," the proclamation declared, "That on the 1st day of January, AD 1863, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States shall be then, thenceforward and forever free . . ."

However, Lincoln's proclamation would have little impact on Texans at that time due to the small number of Union troops available to enforce it.

Two and a half years later, in June of 1865, more than two thousand federal soldiers of the 13th Army Corps arrived in Galveston and with them

Major General Gordon Granger, Commanding Officer, District of Texas. Granger's men marched through Galveston reading General Order Number 3 at numerous locations, including their headquarters at the Osterman Building, 1861 Custom House, courthouse, and then the Negro Church on Broadway, as Reedy Chapel-AME Church was referred to then. The order informed all Texans that, in accordance with a proclamation from the executive of the United States, all slaves were free.

It was from that moment that Juneteenth would be born. Since then, the annual commemoration has grown from local roots to a national celebration featuring parades, readings, processions, and more. In the late 1970s, the Texas legislature declared Juneteenth a "holiday of significance [. . .] particularly to the blacks of Texas." Texas was the first state to establish Juneteenth as a state holiday under legislation introduced by freshman Democratic state representative Al Edwards (Houston). The law passed through the Texas legislature in 1979 and was officially made a state holiday on January 1, 1980. After Texas recognized the date, many states followed suit. Currently, forty-seven of the



fifty US states and the District of Columbia have recognized Juneteenth as either a state holiday or ceremonial holiday, a day of observance.

In 1979, the Galveston Juneteenth Committee under the leadership of former city manager Doug

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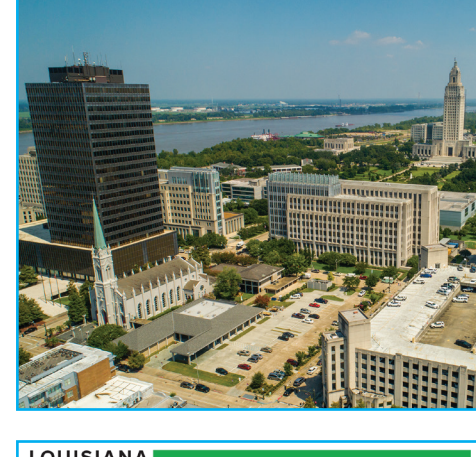
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