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# Recognizing Juneteenth

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President Abraham Lincoln issued the final Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. However, chattel slavery in the United States continued. Over two years later—on June 19, 1865—approximately 1,800 federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas and declared, “The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free.” Despite the Emancipation Proclamation and this declaration, slaves were not freed overnight as many slave owners withheld news of both. However, celebrations erupted among slaves as they learned of their newfound freedom and the holiday of Juneteenth, which is short for June Nineteenth, was born.

In honor of the 155th anniversary of this monumental day, we are proud to change our logo's colors to red, black, and green.

