

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS,** on September 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that as of January 1, 1863, all slaves in the rebellious states would be thenceforward and forever free; and
- WHEREAS,** it took almost three more years of conflict and loss to bring about the end of the Civil War and in December 1865, the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution was nationally ratified, ending the sanctioned institution of slavery; and
- WHEREAS,** led by General Gordon Granger, the last enslaved people were notified of the end of the Civil War and abolition of slavery on June 19, 1865; and
- WHEREAS,** this day, June 19, or Juneteenth, became recognized as National Freedom Day, commemorating the abolition of sanctioned slavery in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** on this anniversary each year, Hoosiers, alongside our nation, celebrate the freedom, as well as the contributions, culture, and resilience of the Black community with events and ceremonies that reflect the power of humanity, family, and community through the face of oppression; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Indiana encourages people to observe Juneteenth as an opportunity to reflect, rejoice and work toward a more just future as we continue to fight against division and racial injustice in our society today;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2023, as

JUNETEENTH

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 16th
day of May the year of our
Lord 2023 and of the Independence
of the United States 247.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Eric Holcomb