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"The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer."

- Union Army Major General Gordon Granger - June 19, 1865

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States.


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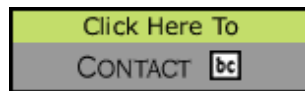
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