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On June 19, 1865 — nearly nine decades after our Nation’s founding, and more than 2 years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation — enslaved Americans in Galveston, Texas, finally received word that they were free from bondage. We now celebrate June 19 as Juneteenth National Independence Day. City offices will be closed on Monday, June 20 in recognition of this historic event.

On Juneteenth, we recommit ourselves to the work of celebrating life, liberty, happiness and equality for all.

The City of Anacortes encourages our citizens to visit the [National Museum of African American History and Culture](#) to learn more about the Juneteenth holiday.