

Juneteenth



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friend,

161 years ago today, over two years after President Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation, enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, finally learned that the Civil War was over.

Known now as Juneteenth, Black Americans have led celebrations for our country's "second Independence day" for over a century and a half, gathering at churches and parks for barbecues and parades.

While in office, President Obama displayed a painting called "Watch Meeting—Dec. 31st 1862—Waiting for the Hour" at the White House as a way to commemorate this chapter in American history. [Learn more about the significance of this art work here.](#)



Art is one of the most powerful tools we have to tell stories, create change, and inspire those around us.

From the White House to the future Obama Presidential Center, President and Mrs. Obama have showcased art that explores important moments of our history, like Juneteenth, and that's why we'll continue to invite our community to imagine the brighter future we can create together.

We look forward to sharing more about some of the artists bringing their work to the Center soon.

Thank you,

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