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City of El Paso Invites Community to Celebrate Juneteenth Throughout June

Events Honor Freedom, History & Community Spirit

EL PASO, Texas— The City of El Paso invites the community to commemorate Juneteenth throughout the month of June by participating in various community events, including a large community celebration from 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 15 at Nations Tobin Park, 8831 Railroad Dr.

Juneteenth celebrates the day when all slaves were officially freed in the United States. This year, Juneteenth will be observed on Wednesday, June 19.

The City will celebrate the Juneteenth holiday with community events starting June 1. Events include educational exhibits, cultural events, community gatherings, and recreational fun hosted by the City's Parks and Recreation Department, Public Libraries, City Museums (Archaeology, Art and History), El Paso Zoo, and the El Paso Streetcar.

"Juneteenth is a time for our community to come together to honor our shared history, celebrate freedom, and enjoy the rich diversity that makes El Paso unique," said Quality of Life Deputy City Manager Dionne Mack. "We invite everyone to join us in these community events to commemorate this important milestone and reflect on the ongoing journey towards equality and justice."

The family friendly events include children's story time, movies, an arts and crafts fair, and Juneteenth lectures that honor freedom, history, and community spirit. In addition, the El Paso Streetcar will host musical performances and lectures. The El Paso Zoo will provide visitors a 20 percent discount off regular admission on Wednesday, June 19, when mentioning "Juneteenth Celebration."

JOIN THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

The Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the nonprofit organization Black El Paso Voice, invite the community to a Juneteenth Celebration from 4 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 15 at Nations Tobin Park, 8831 Railroad Dr.

The **FREE**, outdoor celebration includes, family games, activities, live music, jumping balloons, food, plus informational booths from various City Departments and more.

To view a list of Juneteenth events happening in June, visit www.elpasotexas.gov/juneteenth/.

ABOUT JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth—also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day or Emancipation Day— celebrates the day that Texas slaves learned of their freedom, two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. The earliest documented Juneteenth Celebration took place in Galveston, Texas in 1866. The federal government officially declared Juneteenth a national holiday on June 17, 2021.

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