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DEOMI RELEASES 2022 JUNETEENTH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY POSTER

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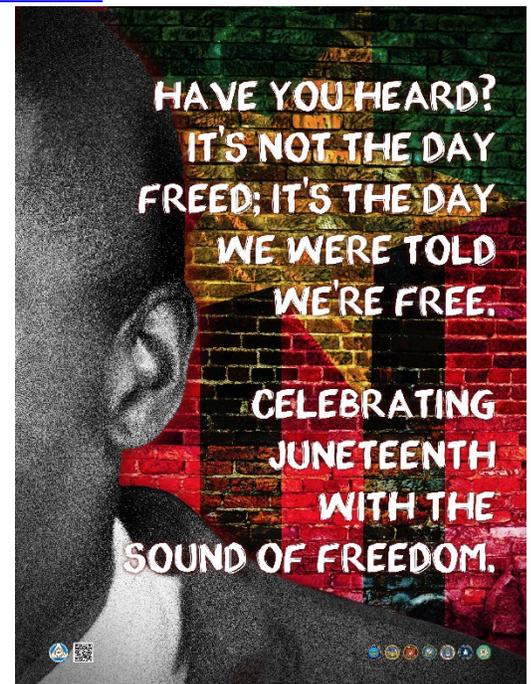
President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, announcing, “that all persons held as slaves” within the rebellious areas “are, and henceforward shall be free.” On June 19, 1865, General Gordon Granger announced General Order No. 3, which stated: “The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free...”

In 2021, Juneteenth National Independence Day was declared a federal holiday and a Presidential Proclamation was issued on June 18, 2021.

Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday. Most importantly, it represents victory over the institution of slavery and the beginning of the fulfillment of America’s promise of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for African Americans.

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