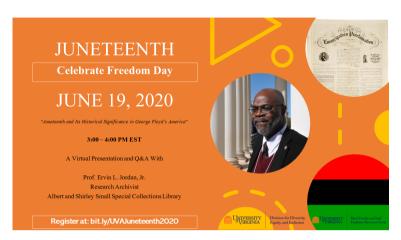
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What is Juneteenth?

- Juneteenth is considered the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States.
- All enslaved African Americans were not freed by Lincoln's 1863 Emancipation Proclamation.
- The promise of the abolishment of slavery was contingent on the Union army winning the Civil War, which didn't happen until April 1865.
- But even after that, the Union had to enforce emancipation. In Texas, approximately 250,000 people were still being held in slavery when, on June 19, **1865**, Union troops arrived in Galveston to announce that the war had ended and that all slaves were now free.
- Governor Northam has proposed recent <u>legislation</u> to make Juneteenth a paid state holiday.





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