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“Freedom Day” Acknowledgement

Whereas, July 4th is not an accurate Freedom Day because many minorities, most inclusive to African Americans were not free that day. June 19th is the official Freedom Day for all Americans;


Whereas, this day, Freedom Day, commemorates the ending of slavery in the United States. In the year 1865, it was on June 19th that Union soldiers arrived at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. This was two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was implemented on January 1st, 1863;

Whereas, Juneteenth was officially the Freedom Day for all Americans.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

That the University of Houston should recognize June 19th, 1865 “Juneteenth” as an officially observed Holiday;

Be it further resolved, that the holiday be put on the University of Houston calendar for recognition purposes.



Cameron Barrett
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