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JUNETEENTH KC

HERITAGE FESTIVAL

THE HOMECOMING

JUNE 17
2023
SATURDAY



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On June 19, 1865, U.S. Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Texas and issued a proclamation declaring that all slaves were free and there would be absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves. This event marked the first effective intervention of the United States in Texas on the side of ending slavery. Granger's proclamation did not immediately end slavery in Texas or ensure the immediate enforcement of the rights of freed slaves. While the proclamation declared freedom for the slaves, it took time and further action to enforce and secure their rights.

Although many African-Americans fled during this time, some across the river to Mexico, and others refused to work, ending slavery was not simply a matter of issuing pronouncements. It was a matter of forcing rebels to obey the law, and the real work of ending slavery was done by the freed people in collaboration with and often backed by the force of the U.S. Army. Granger's proclamation carried a crucial promise of force, and within weeks, 50,000 U.S. troops flooded into the state in a late-arriving occupation.

Against the resistance of many planters who refused to give up slavery, the Army turned to force, spreading more than 40 outposts across Texas to teach rebels the idea of law as an irresistible power to which all must bow. This event marked the basis for the increasingly popular celebrations of Juneteenth, a predominantly African-American holiday celebrating emancipation on or about June 19th every year.

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2023 Festival Lineup

SATURDAY, JUNE 17
18TH & VINE JAZZ DISTRICT

Heritage Festival Mainstage

June 18, 12:00-10:00PM

- 12:00-2:00 Gospel Jubilee
- 6:00 PM Kim Keys & Loc'd
- 7:00 PM Kevin Church Johnson
- 8:00 PM Pokey Bear
- 9:00 PM Sir Charles

Guest Hosts



Joe Torry



Sean Tyler



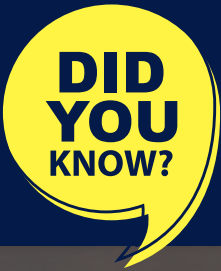
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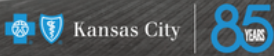


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