



## **A Letter From Your HGAR 2022 President and Juneteenth Resource Guide**

The Juneteenth celebration offers an opportunity for all of us to remember the strength, the endurance, the vision and the deep-rooted belief when freedom from slavery had finally arrived. It is time to begin building lives filled with hope and resiliency. Let us never forget the road to freedom and the sacrifices many had to make under the most uncertain and dangerous circumstances. They were able to turn dreams into hope and hope into creating unbound lives and unending possibilities for generations to come.

As Langston Hughes reminds us, "Life ain't no crystal staircase," and how well we have lived that phrase. We are resilient people, and we continue to be hopeful people with the energy and vision to overcome obstacles in our way, even when we can't clearly see a way.

Our resilience and our belief in the true meaning of freedom keeps us going forward to reach our goals.

At the Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors, we continue to believe in the economic freedom that comes with being a homeowner. We work every day to ensure democracy and housing and the freedom to pursue that American dream.

Let us always remember our ancestors, and honor their fortitude, their resilience, and their preparation of our future. We owe them a debt of gratitude, which we express this Juneteenth 2022.

Sincerely,

Anthony Domathoti, HGAR 2022 President



# Juneteenth Resource Guide

Juneteenth is a celebration of Abraham Lincoln's signing of the Emancipation Proclamation signed in 1863, which freed all enslaved people. Juneteenth has been celebrated for many years, though it only became a recognized federal holiday in 2021.

We've put together a resource guide to help you celebrate and honor the importance of the day.

1. Learn more about this important day in America's history. [Official Juneteenth Site](https://www.juneteenth.com/)  
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2. Celebrate Juneteenth by supporting Black-owned Businesses across the country or in your neighborhood. [Official Black Wall Street](#)
3. Learn more about art created by African Americans, such as the *Miss Juneteenth* film. [Watch Miss Juneteenth](#)
4. Juneteenth is often referred to as "Freedom Day." Learn more from *How Stuff Works*. [How Stuff Works Juneteenth Episode](#)
5. Learn more about the African American minds behind some of the most common objects in our lives. [History Stories](#)
6. Listen to *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, a song which has been deemed by many to be the "Black National Anthem." [Lift Every Voice](#)
7. Want to enjoy a book about Juneteenth? Learn more from this Juneteenth reading list. [Juneteenth Reading List](#)
8. Take this time to learn and reflect on this historic day and how we can continue the celebration of African Americans in our communities.