



AFRO marks anniversary of Juneteenth with new special edition

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The AFRO Newspaper announced today it has published “Juneteenth: A Lookback,” in recognition of the 156th anniversary of the end of slavery that was supposed to end 154 years ago.

The new edition is a series of historical facts tracing back to Juneteenth, from Washington, D.C., where Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, through the ending of the Civil War and when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, declaring freedom for the enslaved.

Juneteenth began with the celebration of freedom, but only for those who knew. Those who should’ve been freed continued to work because their owners withheld this information, paving the way for many former slaves to feel they were still in bondage.

“This special edition looks back at relations between the North and the South in the immediate aftermath of the Civil War, how former slaves celebrated the first Juneteenth, the impact on their lives, and the ripple effect it continues to have on their descendants over 150 years later,” said Dr. Toni Draper, AFRO News publisher. “It is a powerful reminder of the strength of the human spirit.”

“Juneteenth: A Look Back,” features photographs from the AFRO Archives and a comprehensive timeline of events. It is a must-have for collectors, and anyone interested in the history of enslaved people.

The AFRO’s Juneteenth special edition paper is available at Afro.com for the month of June.

About the AFRO

The AFRO serves as a respected source for news, education, and celebration of all things African American, including the significance of family gatherings, family reunions, and cultural celebrations. Founded by a former slave in 1892, the AFRO News is the longest running, family owned, African American newspaper.

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