

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 370

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes June 19, 2025, as a day of celebration in Louisiana in honor of Juneteenth

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize June 19, 2025, as a day of celebration in Louisiana in honor of Juneteenth.

3 WHEREAS, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the  
4 Emancipation Proclamation, which declared "that all persons held as slaves" within the  
5 Confederacy "are, and henceforth shall be free"; and

6 WHEREAS, news of the end of slavery traveled slowly after President Lincoln  
7 issued the Emancipation Proclamation, particularly to southwestern states; and

8 WHEREAS, indeed, the belated news relative to the Emancipation Proclamation did  
9 not arrive to the Confederacy until June 19, 1865, months after the conclusion of the Civil  
10 War; and

11 WHEREAS, subsequently, June 19th became known as "Juneteenth"; it is an annual  
12 observance and celebration of the date Union soldiers enforced the Emancipation  
13 Proclamation freeing all remaining slaves in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865; and

14 WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the strength and resolve of  
15 African-Americans throughout history, and is an opportunity to highlight the value of  
16 African-American culture, art, history, and achievement; and

17 WHEREAS, the celebration of the end of slavery is an important and enriching part  
18 of the history and heritage of the United States.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize June 19, 2025, as a day of celebration in

1 Louisiana in honor of Juneteenth and does hereby commend the citizens of Louisiana for  
2 their celebration and commemoration of African American history and culture.

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