CULTURAL COMPETENCE COMMITTEE

Juneteenth
Saturday June 19, 2021

The NYAPRS Cultural Competency Committee and Staff celebrate Juneteenth in honor of the 156th year anniversary of the day when the last enslaved African Americans received news of their freedom. We honor and celebrate their legacy of struggle, hope and empowerment.

Juneteenth marks our country’s second Independence Day. Though it has long been celebrated among the African American community, its history has been — until recently — little known to the wider public.

What is Juneteenth?

“Although the Emancipation Proclamation officially took effect on January 1, 1863, freedom did not immediately come for all enslaved people because Confederate-controlled states refused to implement it. This day came to be known as “Juneteenth” by the newly freed people in Texas”. Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture.

“Juneteenth today, celebrates African American freedom and achievement, while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures. As it takes on a more national, symbolic and even global perspective, the events of 1865 in Texas are not forgotten, for all of the roots tie back to this fertile soil from which a national day of pride is growing” https://juneteenth.com

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The Committee meets regularly via teleconference. Teleconference times are subject to change. To be added to the Cultural Competency Committee list, please contact ... Eileen Crosby Negron at (518) 436-0008, eileen@nyaprs.org