

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 370

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize June 19, 2025, as a day of celebration in Louisiana in honor of Juneteenth and does hereby commend the citizens of Louisiana for their celebration and commemoration of African American history and culture.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES