

HB 640 -- Emancipation Day

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This bill designates June 19 of each year "Emancipation Day." This day is also referred to as "Juneteenth," which commemorates June 19, 1865, which was the day the last slaves were informed of their freedom.

On this day, Missourians, government offices, and all organizations are asked to devote part of the day to remembering the Emancipation Proclamation by celebrating "Juneteenth," reaffirming their commitment to achieving equal justice and opportunity, and declining compensation for any work performed on this day.