Happy Juneteenth!

As we celebrate the commemorative ending of slavery in the United States, we reflect on the contributions of African Americans to this country. Today marks one-hundred and fifty-five years of freedom. Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated day that commemorates the ending of slavery in the United States. Some states have made Juneteenth an official, paid holiday. California Governor Gavin Newsom is considering doing the same. It is a day of reflection and celebration. To learn more about Juneteenth visit: Juneteenth.com

As we spend this time in reflection there is still much work to be done, current times call for not only reflection, but advocacy, activism and joining in the celebration of black culture and history.

As we continue to work towards furthering our progress, we invite you to take a moment to reflect, celebrate, and get involved. HEDI has provided a list of online events, resources and other ways to participate.

**JUNETEENTH - the Official Online Festival - June 19-28, 2020**

There will be information, resources, entertainment at the new national Juneteenth Online Festival. The web portal at [http://www.juneteenthfestivalonline.com](http://www.juneteenthfestivalonline.com) opens up June 19th at 12 noon with an online kick-off concert!

[https://www.blackculturalevents.com/?mc_cid=daecf7a95c&mc_eid=38270294d1](https://www.blackculturalevents.com/?mc_cid=daecf7a95c&mc_eid=38270294d1)

**JUNE 19/ THE HIDDEN HISTORY OF SLAVERY IN CALIFORNIA**

Your invited to join statewide collaborative partners and discover the unique legacy of "Slavery in California" our journey towards freedom and ongoing systemic impacts from "America's Peculiar Institution" here in the Great State of California. The event is FREE but your asked to register online by clicking here.

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**JUNE 19/ #SACYOUTHWORKS**

The City of Sacramento has partnership with PRO Youth & Families as part of their Youth & Family Collective to leverage the power of Sacramento’s youth provider networks and launch #SacYouthWorks. Through this pilot initiative, the #SacYouthWorks network made-up of
community based providers, will collectively engage up to 400 young people (ages 14-18) this summer, in 40 hours of work-based learning programming using the #SacYouthWorks Framework. the APPLICATION WILL CLOSE THIS FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2020 at 11:59 PM. For details, click here.

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**JUNE 19/ FACEBOOK LIVE TOWN HALL**

Discussing Racial Justice and Police Reform in California. Assembly member Kevin McCarty is hosting a Facebook Live Town Hall Friday, June 19 at 3pm with Tanisha Humphrey, Grassroots Advocacy Manager at ACLU of Northern California and former Deputy White House Liaison with the Obama Administration. We'll discuss the institutional changes needed to better protect the black community across California, and how we can address these issues at the state level. Please email your questions regarding this topic beforehand and to RSVP for this event, click here.

BTW: You do not need a Facebook account to tune in to the Facebook Live Town Hall. Simply access the link above to watch and submit your questions beforehand to the email above.

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**JUNE 19/ JUNETEENTH ONLINE FESTIVAL**

The 26th Annual National Juneteenth Festival goes digital, June 19-28. There will be information, resources, entertainment at the new national Juneteenth Online Festival. The web portal at juneteenthfestivalonline.com opens up June 19th at 12 noon with an online kick-off concert! CLICK HERE to learn more about the history of Juneteenth and the benefits of getting involved as a sponsor. For more info on performing, speaking or showcasing your business call (916) 477-0157.

**JUNE 20/ NAACP TO HOST PEACEFUL JUNETEETH CAR CARIVAN & RALLY**

Your invited to the NAACP peaceful gathering starting from the Fruitridge Community Collaborative to McClatchy Park. Cars are to line up at 10:30 am. Taking place Sat-6/20 from 11 am to 3 pm with live performances by Hundreds Unit, Youth Voices, DJ and Live Bands at McClatchy Park, located at 4625 44th Street in Oak Park. For more info call (916) 856-0155 or click here.

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**JUNE 20/ JUNETEENTH PARADE**

A Juneteenth Celebration is set for Saturday, June 20. Festivities start with a parade from the MLK Library at 7340 24th Street Bypass to the African Marketplace at 2251 Florin Road. Meetup is in the library parking lot at 10 a.m. with the parade starting at 11 a.m. For more information, call (916) 475-5926.

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**JUNE 20/ BLACK GIRLS CODE**

Black Girls Code and Microsoft present this virtual two-hour workshop where students ages, 8-13, research and identify a cause they care about in their local community, and create action plans to fundraise, volunteer, or get the word out about their personal cause. Event begins at 11:00am EST/ 8am PST/ 10am CST.

Important Registration Information: Participants must complete the Microsoft Registration in order to participate in this event by clicking here.
JUNE 20/ AFRICAN MARKET PLACE
Celebrating Culture 5 years ASE' - the African Market Place happens every 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month from 12 pm - 6 pm. Free entry, food vendors, retail vendors, live drummers. Located inside Florin Square at 2251 Florin Road in South Sacramento. For more info call Bro Ra (916) 730-6386 or Ayesha at (415) 713-4483. For more info., click here

JUNE 21/ THE NEW BLACK CODE
Black BluePrintz & The African Marketplace present a community lecture and workshop titled, The New Black Code Part 3 on Saturday, June 21 from 3-6 p.m. The discussion will cover protesting, building, power and opportunity with speakers Bro. Ra West and Berry Accius. The event is free and will be held at 2251 Florin Road, in the Obama Room. Refreshments will be served. Donations welcome. To register, email Blackblueprintzevents@gmail.com or call (916) 949-9026 or (916) 730-6386.

VOTE NOVEMBER 2020
To register, re-register, and check on you voting status, click here.

HART, NEEDS YOUR HELP
The Homeless Assistance Resource Teams (HARTs) led by dedicated volunteers. The Arden Arcade HART is collecting food items, hygiene items, clothing items (new), and other donations through July 27TH. To get more details please contact HART via email at ardenarcadehart@gmail.com. The Carmichael HART has been busy, too, coordinating a winter shelter program, running a successful transitional housing program, and supporting the Carmichael Homeless Outreach Navigator to assist the homeless in that area. For more information, including how you can be part of this volunteer effort in Carmichael, please visit the Carmichael HART website.(Supervisor, Third District)

JUNE 21/ BLACK AUTHORS GROUP
Get the support you need to write, publish and promote your first or next book. This group meets every 3rd Sunday of the month. You'll hear from accomplished authors, editors, illustrators, marketing professionals and more. You don't need to go it alone! Sunday from 2pm until 4:30pm at the Classy Hippie Tea Company located at 3226 Broadway. For details, click here.

JUNE 22/ YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH
The City and County of Sacramento invites Community-Based Organizations, Service Providers, Youth and Family to a special Zoom meeting Monday, June 22, from 11am until 12:30 to explain to you how the County mental health system works; how youth can access the system and more. On the call is Dr. Ryan Quist-Behavioral Health Director for the County's Dept. of behavioral Health Services and Amelia Garnica and Pablo Paxtor- advocates for Family Empowerment 11am this Monday, June 22nd. For the Zoom instructions, click here.

JUNE 23/ Surgeon General Speaks
The public is invited to listen in on the discussion “She Shares: Conversation with California Surgeon General Dr. Nadine Burke Harris” on Tuesday, June 23. Dr. Burke Harris, the state’s
first surgeon general is an advocate for addressing the effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) in children and adults. The virtual discussion, set for 12 noon, will focus on the impacts of COVID-19 on mental and physical health. To register, click here.

JUNE 29/ SPOKEN WORD
The Sacramento Poetry Center holds a Reading For Black Lives Matter on Monday, June 29 from 7:15 to 9 p.m. Featured poets include Charles Curtis Blackwell and Sojourna Jennings. Special guest readers include BLM activists Tanya Ikemba Faison and Victor Brazelton. CharRon Smith and Frank Dixon Graham host. The SPC is located at 1719 25th Street. For more information, call (916) 520-9985.

Movies and TV Shows to Watch in Celebration of Juneteenth

Watchmen
HBO’s critically-acclaimed series starts Regina King and explores the legacy of white supremacy and systemic racism in America. HBO is making the entire nine-episode limited series free to stream from Friday, June 19 – Sunday, June 21 exclusively on HBO.com and on-demand.

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption
A powerful true story about the Equal Justice Initiative. World-renowned civil rights defense attorney Bryan Stevenson works to free a wrongly condemned death row prisoner. Just Mercy is a bestselling book by Bryan Stevenson that has been adapted into a feature film.

13th, out Friday on Netflix
Ava DuVernay’s 13th is a documentary about how the Thirteenth Amendment led to mass incarceration in the United States.