



# Celebrating Juneteenth in the U.S.



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Colleagues:

On Monday, June 19th we will celebrate Juneteenth as a national holiday for our U.S. employees. Juneteenth commemorates when the Emancipation Proclamation - issued in 1862 and promising freedom to all slaves in the U.S. - was finally enforced across all states on this date in 1865.

Juneteenth has long been observed as a remembrance and celebration of African-American culture in communities across the United States. Thomson Reuters recognized Juneteenth as a company holiday in 2021 and it became an official federal holiday in 2022.

We invite all of our U.S. colleagues to use this time to honor Black history—including the challenges and achievements— and reflect on how we can each promote and work towards equality for all.

If you'd like to learn more about Juneteenth, our [Black Employee Network \(BEN\)](#) Business Resource Group (BRG) has shared an [interactive virtual exhibition on Juneteenth](#) from the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture. This great resource touches on the history of Juneteenth, how Juneteenth is recognized and celebrated today, and resources to learn further.

Additionally, we invite you to consider [joining BEN \(and other BRGs\) as a member or ally](#). While Juneteenth is an important day for reflection and recognition, supporting and promoting belonging for our African-American and broader set of colleagues is a responsibility we all need to live up to every day.

