

JUNETEENTH: A GREAT LEGACY HONORED IN MACON SINCE 1993 **Presented by Torchlight Academy, Inc. and Kwanzaa Cultural Access Center, Inc.**

Juneteenth is named for the 1865 closing of the Civil War and end of American slavery on June 19th first being celebrated annually in Galveston Texas starting in 1866. The vast majority of today's Black or African Americans have ancestors who were enslaved from the earliest existence of the United States up until 1865; and regarded as the property of white slave masters. This practice was in full effect throughout the south and most of the U.S. including Macon, Georgia. It was a joyous opportunity in 1865-and 1866 for a black person to for the first time have the dignity of being "free" and to begin a new life of pursuing previously impossible dreams and achievements, much less to have families no longer being sold apart.

The year 2020 marks the 28th annual for Macon of respect being paid to this history, of honor being given to our ancestors who struggled through all adversity to give us the foundation we stand on today. Juneteenth is about gratitude for today's opportunity for freedom, and determination to fulfill our responsibility to move the mighty legacy forward to complete freedom, justice, and equality for all. **Get Official Macon 2020 Juneteenth T-Shirts, The 28th Annual Juneteenth Freedom Festival, call 478-718-8067.**

JUNETEENTH 2020 SCHEDULE (Due to COVID-19 limited to Virtual Events)

Saturday, June 13th Noon to 5 p.m., **14th Annual Pleasant Hill Neighborhood Reunion** Information Booth at Mattie Hubbard Jones Playground, T-Shirts

Sunday, June 14th at 2 p.m. **Virtual Drum Circle** email Gloria.cisse@gmail.com to participate. Access Limited, Event will be broadcast on Facebook Live <https://www.facebook.com/Kwanzaa-Cultural-Access-Center-Inc-224244394031/>

Sunday, June 14th at 5 p.m. **Zoom/Facebook Live Forum: Peace, Positivity & Holistic Health Survival** Community Solutions for 2020 by Health Professionals Go To (Kwanzaa Cultural Access Center Facebook Page); <https://www.facebook.com/Kwanzaa-Cultural-Access-Center-Inc-224244394031/>

Friday, June 19th, 1-5 p.m. **15th Annual Real Talk Hip Hop Summit, Zoom/Facebook Live Event**, 714-866-8052; Go To (Kwanzaa Cultural Access Center Facebook Page); <https://www.facebook.com/Kwanzaa-Cultural-Access-Center-Inc-224244394031/>

Friday, June 19th at 6 p.m. **Juneteenth Zoom/Facebook Live Forum: American Reparations/Genocide/Black Paradox & The Ongoing Freedom Struggle**; Go To (Kwanzaa Cultural Access Center Facebook Page); <https://www.facebook.com/Kwanzaa-Cultural-Access-Center-Inc-224244394031/>

Saturday, June 20th, 12:30-2:30 p.m. **28th Annual Juneteenth Freedom Festival Live** Zoom/Facebook Live Broadcast; Go To (Kwanzaa Cultural Access Center Facebook Page); <https://www.facebook.com/Kwanzaa-Cultural-Access-Center-Inc-224244394031/>
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