

Juneteenth Recognition Conversation 2022

Context:

Juneteenth, also known as “Independence Day” or “Freedom Day,” commemorates the June 19, 1865 announcement of the abolition of slavery and the emancipation of African American slaves.

On September 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, effectively ending slavery on January 1, 1863. However, the Proclamation had little effect in Texas where the practice of slavery continued. It took another two and half years – until 1865 –for Texas slaves to learn of their emancipation when, on June 19 of that year, Union General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston and told slaves they were free.

The Oregon State Senate and Congress passed House Bill 2168, to make Juneteenth an official state holiday every June 19 beginning in 2022.

Purpose:

- Prepare the board and the college to respond to the new Juneteenth state holiday commemorating the news of the Emancipation Proclamation finally reaching all of the US in 1865.
- Prepare for the April 2022 CCC BOE Juneteenth Proclamation

Benefits:

- Walk the talk. Intentional actions to recognize and uplift the history and everyday lived experience of historically/currently oppressed students and faculty.
- Celebrating the consciousness of the abolition of slavery.
- Alignment with CCC stated values.
- Acknowledgement that this is a state of Oregon holiday.

[PDX Celebrating Juneteenth](#)

[Oregon State Democrats Press release June 1,2021](#)

[Oregon Recognizes Juneteenth as an official State Holiday](#)

Schedule of Announcements:Future Scheduled Conversations

- Leadership Cabinet - Feb. 8 - Moving Juneteenth paid holiday conversation forward
- Admin/Confidential - Feb. 10 - or send email
- DEI Committee - Feb. 11
- Presidents Council - Feb. 15
- Chairs, Directors and Deans - Mar. 11
- Board of Education - TBD
- College Council - April 1

HR will work together with employee associations to take the appropriate steps in establishing an official paid holiday.

Questions:

What additional information does this group need to support the efforts to recognize Juneteenth as an official paid holiday at CCC?