



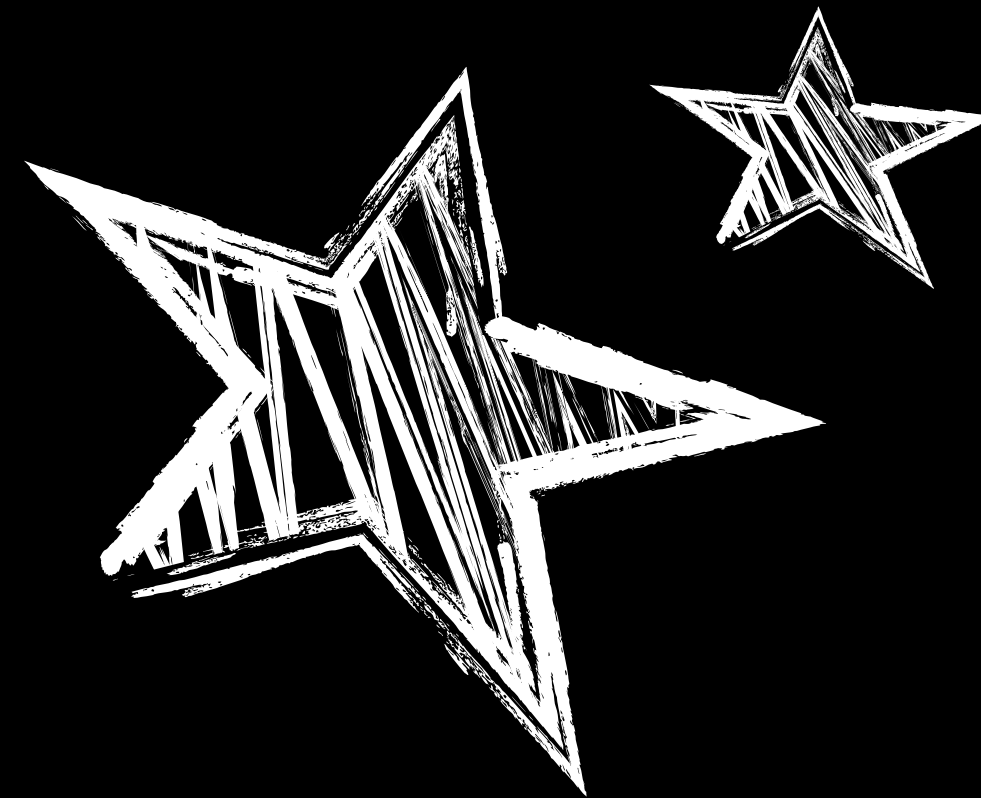
# FREEDOM DELAYED

**CELEBRATING JUNETEETH**

Black at Pathrise ERG | June 2023



# WHAT is JUNETEENTH



June 19, 1965

Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas and announced that enslaved people **were free**. This was two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation had already been signed. Freedom was real but the news had been withheld. This is why we mark the day.

# THE FIGHT

to be

# RECOGNIZED

Dr. Opal Lee

Known as “The Grandmother of Juneteenth”, Her family's home was burned to the ground by a mob on June 19, 1939 and decades later she realized the date and made it her life's mission.

At 89 years old she began walking 2.5 miles every day, symbolizing the two and a half years Black Texans waited after the Emancipation Proclamation before the message reached Galveston. She collected 1.6 million signatures on a petition and did not stop until President Biden signed the bill declaring Juneteenth a federal holiday in 2021. She was 94 years old.



"I DON'T PREDICATE FIGHTING ON WINNING."

# A TIME TO REFLECT

Think about something you have fought for that you knew was right even when the pushback was **LOUD.**

What kept you going?

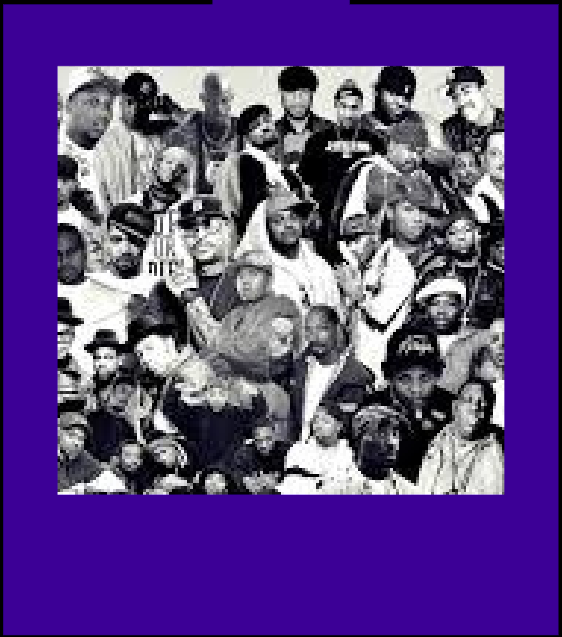


**FREEDOM IS NOT JUST A  
HISTORY LESSON**

its an

**INVITATION**

**TO SHOW UP FOR EACH  
OTHER EVERY DAY**



On behalf of all the members of Black at Pathrise, we thank you for showing up today! Now its time to celebrate!