



Delaware Governor John Carney

State employees-

I'm writing with some good news - and to thank you for all your hard work on behalf of Delawareans over this past year. Your dedication to public service, despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, has helped steer our state through this crisis.

On Friday, June 18, we will again close state offices in recognition of Juneteenth. I hope you'll use the time off to reflect on the holiday, which commemorates the emancipation of the last enslaved African Americans in the United States. I believe we should all recommit to learning the lessons of our shared history - the good and the bad. Juneteenth offers that opportunity for open dialogue.

We also continue to work closely with the Delaware Heritage Commission and members of the General Assembly to increase public education around issues of race and slavery in Delaware and the U.S.

Next week, I will sign legislation, sponsored by Representative Sherry Dorsey Walker, to increase Black history education in Delaware public schools. And on Wednesday, June 16, my office will host a virtual discussion on Racial History and Juneteenth. I would encourage you to watch on our [website](#) or on our social media channels ([Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)).

Thank you again for your dedication to serving the people of the State of Delaware.

Your work truly makes a difference.

Sincerely,

John Carney
Governor

[Click here](#) to view Juneteenth events hosted by community organizations.