



## BECK CULTURAL EXCHANGE CENTER (BECK)

*"The Place Where African American History & Culture Are Preserved"*

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KNOXVILLE, TENNESSE – Tuesday, June 19, in recognition of the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States, Beck announces a Juneteenth Celebration that will include a Juneteenth Living Museum Experience sponsored in partnership with Austin-East Class of 1972 and a very special Juneteenth Town Hall meeting with district elected officials on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. Voter registration sponsored by One Knox Legacy will also be available and the entire greater community is welcome.

### EVENT DATE | LOCATION | ADMISSION

TUESDAY JUNE 19 | BECK CULTURAL EXCHANGE CENTER | FREE TO THE PUBLIC

### JUNETEENTH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### JUNETEENTH BINGO

1PM – 2:30P

Come play Bingo with a twist, win prizes and enjoy munching on butter popcorn

#### JUNETEENTH LIVING MUSEUM

5:30P – 6:30P

Walk through the Exhibit Hall where you will experience a "Living Museum"  
Then enjoy a summer hotdog

#### A VERY SPECIAL JUNETEENTH TOWN HALL MEETING

6:30P

Special community dialogue with district elected officials

MR. RICK STAPLES, STATE REPRESENTATIVE

MS. EVELYN GILL, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

MS. GWEN MCKENZIE, CITY COUNCILWOMAN

MS. GLORIA DEATHRIDGE, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

MS. EVETTY SATTERFIELD, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ELECT

### ABOUT JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the union soldiers, led by major general Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. This was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation - which had become official January 1, 1863. Note that in Tennessee Beck hosts an annual celebration on August 8 commemorating the emancipation of the first slaves in the state of Tennessee, August 8, 1863.

### ABOUT BECK

Beck, established in 1975 as the "Place Where African American History & Culture Are Preserved," is the *Only* African American History & Cultural Center in this region. Absent of Beck there is no single organization preserving and conserving the rich history, heritage and culture of this area. The State of Tennessee designated Beck as a primary repository of black history and culture; and we are proud of this distinguished designation.

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