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Alderwoman Cogg's to take part in Juneteenth Festivities

Tuesday, June 19th marks Juneteenth Day, a day of reflection of the storied history of this nation, appreciation of the freedoms that those who came before us fought to obtain, acknowledgement of the struggle for equality that continues, and a day of celebration. I look forward to taking part in tomorrow's Juneteenth Day parade and festivities, and I will again have a booth where residents can access informational materials and where they can communicate any issues or concerns.

The Juneteenth Day Celebration is a national event commemorating the freedom of people of African descent in America proclaimed more than two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln. Milwaukee has one of the nation's largest Juneteenth events, and it is a matter of pride that our celebration is now in its 41st year. I sincerely hope that we all take a few moments tomorrow to think about the true meaning of Juneteenth, and that we continue to fight for freedom and equality for all people.

I would also like to thank all of the sponsors and co-sponsors of the celebration, including Northcott Neighborhood House, Miller Coors, WE Energies, Milwaukee Transit, Johnson Controls, Gruber Law Office, Jam 98.3, Social Development Commission, Direct Supply, and The BloodCenter of Wisconsin.

Here are details about tomorrow's event:

Parade: 10:00 a.m. (Parade starts at N. 19th St. and W. Atkinson Ave.; ends at N. MLK Dr. and W. Burleigh St.).

Opening Ceremony: 12:00 p.m. - Main Stage

Juneteenth Festival: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The **festival** will be held on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Dr. between Burleigh St. & Center St.

