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MEDIA ADVISORY

Community invited to participate in Juneteenth festivities

The entire community is invited to take part in the Juneteenth Day festivities scheduled for **tomorrow, June 19, 2018**, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. between Burleigh St. and Center St.

The annual Juneteenth Day Celebration in Milwaukee is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Juneteenth marks African American freedom proclaimed to all slaves in the South by Union General Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865 in Galveston, Texas, nearly two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln. Tuesday's festivities will mark the 47th annual recognition of Juneteenth in Milwaukee.

The event is free and open to the public. The kickoff **parade** starts at 10 a.m. on Atkinson Ave. just south of Capitol Dr. and will proceed southeasterly to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. and south to its end at Burleigh St. The **official program** starts at **noon** near MLK Dr. and Burleigh St.

What: Milwaukee Juneteenth festivities

When: Tuesday, June 19, 2018
Parade at 10:00 a.m., street festival until 6:00 p.m.

Where: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.
Between Burleigh St. and Center St.