



Official Statement from the Office of Mayor Mattie Parker

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The City of Fort Worth commends the United States Congress and President Joe Biden for the non-partisan legislation recognizing Juneteenth as an official federal holiday. This movement, long overdue, was spearheaded by lifelong Fort Worth resident Opal Lee, who has waited 94 years to witness this moment in history.

This legislation is historic for our country, and we are committed in Fort Worth to making sure this is more than just ceremonial. Juneteenth is a single, critical step of a much longer journey to understanding the history of enslaved people and how we move forward.

Opal Lee embodies the best of humanity — determination, character, and an indomitable spirit. Opal Lee is a teacher, author, activist, and pillar of the Fort Worth community who has dedicated her life to service above self. We as a City are committed to standing united with Opal Lee's vision of a world that could be. We challenge every business, organization, and individual in our community and beyond to lock arms with us and do the same.

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