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FLAG DAY

Flag Day, also called National Flag Dav is observed on June 14th. The holiday commemorates the date in 1777 when the United States approved the design for its first national flag. In 1926, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing a national Flag Day. Many Americans celebrate Flag Day by displaying the Red, White and Blue in front of homes and businesses. Another name for the flag is the Stars and Stripes. The national flag is lowered to honor the deaths of special leaders or dignitaries, or to remember national tragedies or events.

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Special Days in June





To all the Fathers and men who will always be in our hearts, whether with us or in heaven.

FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is coming up on Sunday, June 18th this year. This is the day we honor our fathers or other men in our lives who have been like fathers to us.

Lanny Shuman adopted me when I was 18 years old, although he helped raise me from when I was a little girl. Lanny always supported me in whatever I wanted to do, like selling Girl Scout cookies, going to college, helping advocate for differently abled folks, etc. He took me to concerts, parks and on interesting trips. He is always there if I need help. I am glad he is my dad!

By Monica Ann Shuman, SODA Director

JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. This freed three million slaves living in the South. However, it took two years for the word to reach Texas. It was not until Union Soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19th, 1865, that the slaves finally found out that they were free. They immediately began to celebrate with prayer, song, and dance every year. That is how Juneteenth came about. It did not become a Federal Holiday in the United States until 2021, 158 years later! Happy Juneteenth Holiday.