

1 AN ACT concerning commemorative dates.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The State Commemorative Dates Act is amended  
5 by adding Section 63 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 490/63 new)

7 Sec. 63. Juneteenth National Freedom Day. The third  
8 Saturday in June of each year is designated as Juneteenth  
9 National Freedom Day to commemorate the abolition of slavery  
10 throughout the United States and its territories in 1865.  
11 Juneteenth National Freedom Day may be observed with suitable  
12 observances and exercises by civic groups and the public, and  
13 citizens of the State are urged to reflect on the suffering  
14 endured by early African-Americans and to celebrate the  
15 unique freedom and equality enjoyed by all State citizens  
16 today.