

Media Advisory

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**Councilmember James Carter
Announces 19th Annual Juneteenth Freedom Celebration**

Four Days of Events Commemorating Emancipation Day

WHAT: District "C" Councilmember James Carter announces the 19th annual Juneteenth Freedom Celebration, featuring four days of events commemorating Emancipation Day. Emancipation Day refers to the announcement of the abolition of slavery in the State of Texas on June 19, 1865. The Juneteenth Celebration will include a parade, live music, a fashion show, a documentary film screening, and much more. All events are free and open to the public.

Councilmember Carter said, "The Juneteenth Celebration is an opportunity for all members of the community to celebrate Emancipation Day. There is something for everyone to enjoy - food, live music, art and educational opportunities to learn more about the importance of this day in America's history."

Sponsors of the event include:

- The African American Male and Female Institute, Inc. - Director, Rev. John Mosley and Assistant Director, Elder Linda Tolbert-Mosley
- New Orleans City Council
- Jesus Never Fails Missionary Baptist Church - Rev. Dr. Norwood Thompson, Jr., Pastor
- St. Peter the Apostle Full Bible Church - Elder Eartha Carter, Pastor
- Southern Christian Leadership Conference New Orleans Local Chapter - Rev. Dr. Norwood Thompson, Jr., President
- Relevant Ministries - Director, Joseph Cox
- Right Way & Truth Full Gospel Baptist Church - Elder Linda Tolbert-Mosley, Pastor
- City of New Orleans & Mayor C. Ray Nagin

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Press Conference

Friday, June 12, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
City Hall Rotunda in the first floor lobby
1300 Perdido Street
(click [here](#) for map)

Lunch Break Concert feat. local bands and artists

Friday, June 12, 2009, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Lafayette Square
(click [here](#) for map)

Film Documentary Screening: The Untold Story - 20th Century Slavery

Thursday, June 18, 2009, 11:00 a.m.
New Orleans Public Library, Main Branch, 219 Loyola Avenue
(click [here](#) for map)

Juneteenth Freedom Parade

Friday, June 19, 2009, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Parade begins at Fischer Elementary School, 1801 L.B. Landry Avenue
(click [here](#) for map)

Juneteenth Concert & Fashion Show

Friday, June 19, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
Cultural Village at the Riverfront of Algiers Ferry
200 Patterson Drive
(click [here](#) for map)

Juneteenth Celebration - Music, Food and Fun for All Ages

Saturday, June 20, 2009, 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Cultural Village at the Riverfront of Algiers Ferry
200 Patterson Drive
(click [here](#) for map)

Juneteenth Church Service on the Westbank

Sunday, June 21, 2009, 1:00 p.m.
Fischer Community Baptist Church, Bishop James Nelson Brown, Pastor
1737 L.B. Landry Avenue
(click [here](#) for map)

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New Orleans City Council

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