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**JUNETEENTH MESSAGE FROM  
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“Today, June 19<sup>th</sup>, marks the day in 1865 that slaves in the South heard the news they were free, nearly two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln actually issued his Emancipation Proclamation. That document was the starting point for abolishing slavery and bringing liberty and dignity for black people in the United States.

“Juneteenth is a day of remembrance, and a day to acknowledge both how far we have come and yet still have much to do, 155 years later, to establish justice and fairness for African-Americans. In light of the killing of George Floyd and the realization that racial injustice continues, we are facing tough questions and searching our souls for the answers.

“Let’s use today for reflection and consideration, and remember the resilience and healing spirit that have helped our nation through times of unrest and will bring us through these turbulent times.”

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