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To: USG Staff
From: Office of Human Resources
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Subject: Honoring and Observing Juneteenth

Dear Colleagues,

Juneteenth is a day of celebration and reflection that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States - two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. As [announced](#) yesterday by the **University System of Maryland Chancellor Jay A. Perman**, Juneteenth will be designated as a holiday across all USM institutions. Given that Juneteenth falls on a Saturday this year, USG will be closed on **Friday, June 18, 2021** to honor the special significance of this day in celebration of Black history and culture. We ask that you utilize this time to reflect on both our history and recent events, educate ourselves on racism, and continue to work and find ways to dismantle racism in all its forms.

Additional information on recording leave for this day will be forthcoming. Should you have any questions, please contact the [Office of Human Resources](#).

Regards,

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