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Palm Beach Community College organization to hold Juneteenth Celebration

(Lake Worth, Fla. – June 4) The Palm Beach Community College chapter of the National Council on Black American Affairs will hold its 5th annual Juneteenth Celebration on June 19.

The event will be held at 7 p.m. at the World Famous Restaurant, 415 Northwood Road in West Palm Beach. It is free and open to the public. The celebration will include storytelling and African dance performances by local group Sol Griots, a voter registration drive and drawings for prizes.

NCBAA began holding the Juneteenth Celebration in 2004 for its members. However, in 2007 it decided to invite the community to help commemorate the historic moment 143 years ago when slaves in the state of Texas were finally informed that slavery had ended in the United States. The Emancipation Proclamation was issued on Sept. 22, 1862 with a Jan. 1, 1863 effective date. However, the word did not reach those in Texas until June 19, 1865 when Union General Gordon Granger and 2,000 federal troops arrived on Galveston Island to take possession of the state, which had been under Confederate control, and enforce the emancipation of its slaves.

For more information about the Juneteenth Celebration, call (561) 868-3025.

The National Council on Black American Affairs was founded in 1972 as an affiliate of the American Association of Community Colleges. It works to maximize personal and career opportunities for African-American students, faculty, staff and administrators. Through a variety of intellectual, cultural and social activities, the Council provides a platform for personal growth, professional development and scholarship. The PBCC chapter of NCBAA was established in 1997.

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