

AN ACT concerning commemorative dates.

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

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

(5 ILCS 490/63 new)

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