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From: Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum 204 S Main St; Wichita, KS 67202

HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPEN JUNETEETH June 19, 2024 Free Admission

Celebrating Juneteenth, Wednesday, June 19th at the Historical Museum with free admission.

Juneteenth became a federal holiday in 2021 and celebrates the 1866 emancipation of people who had been enslaved in the United States.

Our state of Kansas entered the United States in 1861 as a "free state" and consequentially became a destination for those seeking freedom.

The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum is one of America's leading local history museums and accredited by the American Alliance of Museum since 1972. It has served the community since 1939 and since 1980 has occupied Wichita's original 1890 City Hall building.

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Museum Hours: Tuesday – Friday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

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OUR VISION: To provide a world-class museum experience, advancing the understanding and exploration of the rich historical and cultural heritage of Wichita and Sedgwick County Kansas.