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To: Public Affairs/Marketing Director  
From: Tina Butler, President  
RE: Save the Date - Local Group Commemorates Juneteenth Celebration at Cole Park  
DATE: March 18, 2019

### **Save the Date**

On Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 04:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Cole Park, 1526 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas 78404 the members of the Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education (TABPHE pronounced as "taffy") Corpus Christi, a 501(c)(3) organization, and community friends will co-host this years Coastal Bend Juneteenth Celebration titled "Juneteenth for the Crest". This event is FREE and open to the public.

A FREE fun filled day for the entire family (ALL AGES) filled with music, games, tournaments, health & wellness zone and shopping is what is in store. This Coastal Bend Juneteenth event will also feature FREE health screenings and on-site testing, job/employment information, financial literacy, diverse cultural performances, education and civic organizations showcasing services, food trucks, retail vendors, a kids zone and wares of all types. Also slated are performances from local bands, gospel choirs, singers, and dance troupes.

This celebration is designed to improve, showcase, and strengthen the rich history and bond of this neighborhood as an underserved community. Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. On June 19, 1865 two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger, rode into Galveston, Texas with the news the war had ended and the slaves of Texas were now free. Juneteenth is celebrated across the nation and it celebrates African American Freedom and achievement, while encouraging continuous self development and respect for all cultures.

For more event information/registration, please visit: <https://www.tabphecc.org/juneteenth> or call 361.739.1367/361.695.6661.

#### **About Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education**

The Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education (TABPHE) is a statewide, 501(c)(3) voluntary educational association whose vision is to ensure that the higher educational system in the state of Texas provides equitable opportunities and advancement for Black personnel while fostering a positive environment for minority students to successfully matriculate. Some of the services that the Corpus Christi chapter offers are to: 1. act as an advocate for minority students; 2. award scholarships to undergraduate students; 3. assist students and community by holding workshops on current issues affecting the family; 4. the formation of "The Village" Mentoring program (a recruitment and retention program) and 5. holds observances of historical and ethnic holidays otherwise unavailable to students. <https://www.tabphecc.org>

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