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MEDIA ALERT

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City of Miami Beach Remembers Juneteenth

—With a Special Planting Ceremony to be Held on Friday, June 19 at 9 a.m.—

WHO/WHAT: Join the City of Miami Beach on Friday, June 19 for a ceremony at Pride Park to commemorate the 155th Juneteenth Independence Day, a holiday that marks the end of slavery in the United States and the arrival of Major Gen. Gordon Granger to Galveston, Texas — announcing the end of the Civil War and the Emancipation Proclamation.

The event will include remarks from Miami Beach Mayor Dan Gelber and Miami Shores Mayor Crystal Wagar along with the planting of a Rainbow Eucalyptus tree to symbolize and celebrate the contributions of African Americans to Miami Beach and an 8 minute and 46 second moment of silence to reflect on the past, present and future. Attendees will be encouraged to write a positive word or message on stones that will be placed under the tree.

Every Miami Beach marquee, including the Miami Beach Convention Center, Fillmore, Colony Theater and North Beach Bandshell will don “Miami Beach Remembers Juneteenth.”

WHEN: **Friday, June 19 at 9 a.m.**

WHERE: Pride Park
1809 Meridian Avenue, Southwest corner

NOTE: *Attendees should wear face coverings. The event will also be streamed live on the city’s Facebook account at www.Facebook.com/CityofMiamiBeach.*

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