

CARLA "COFFEE" WRIGHT WILL BE RECITING THE "**JUNETEENTH NATIONAL ANTHEM**" AT THE **WHITE HOUSE** IN WASHINGTON D.C. DURING THE **NATIONAL JUNETEENTH (NJOF) PARADE & CELEBRATION** ON JUNE 19, 2024 AT 1:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. (FREE EVENT TO THE PUBLIC) SPECIAL GUEST LIVE PERFORMANCES WILL INCLUDE: *CON FUNK SHUN BAND, BOBBY RUSH AND VARIOUS POPULAR JAZZ ARTISTS.*

COFFEE IS ON RECORD IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AS MISSOURI'S, JUNETEENTH STATE DIRECTOR. SHE IS THE ORGANIZER AND CEO OF **JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY INC.** **CARLA "COFFEE" WRIGHT** IS THE AUTHOR OF THE "NATIONAL JUNETEENTH ANTHEM" WHICH IS READ AT JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS NATIONWIDE.

THIS EVENT WILL ACKNOWLEDGE ALL 50 JUNETEENTH STATE DIRECTORS, RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THEIR EFFORTS AND COMMITMENT OF A TWENTY-FIVE YEAR STRUGGLE AND FIGHT TO MAKE JUNETEENTH A NATIONAL HOLIDAY. THE (NJOF) WAS CREATED AND ORGANIZED BY THE LATE *REV DR. RONALD MYERS*. THE GROUP STOOD STRONG ACCOMPLISHING THEIR MISSION OF MAKING **JUNETEENTH** A NATIONAL HOLIDAY ON JUNE 19, 2021 PASSED BY BOTH THE U.S. SENATE (S.475), THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. PRESIDENT *JOE BIDEN* SIGNED IT INTO LAW AND ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER.

COFFEE STOOD IN SUPPORT ALONG WITH ATTORNEY *RANDALL CAHILL, CURTIS FAULKNER, REV JIMMIE GWENN, REV TROY SPENCER AND REV DR. RONALD MYERS* IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF JUNETEENTH BEING RECOGNIZED BY THE MISSOURI GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON JUNE 19, 2003 AS AN OFFICIAL STATE HOLIDAY WHEN MISSOURI HOUSE BILL 640 WAS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR *ROY BLUNT (R)*. **COFFEE** IS RECOGNIZED LOCALLY FOR ORGANIZING AND HOSTING ST. LOUIS FIRST OFFICIAL **JUNETEENTH** PARADE AND MEGA CITY-WIDE CELEBRATION ON JUNE 17, 2016. SHE ASSISTED YAHKEN AMEN AND QUEEN LYRA IN ORGANIZING FERGUSON, MISSOURI'S FIRST **JUNETEENTH** HELD ON THE SAME DAY. SHE'S RECOGNIZED ON JUNE 19, 2019 IN THE "BOARD OF ALDERMAN *RESOLUTION 20*" (THE ONLY UNELECTED PERSON) ADVOCATING FOR ESTABLISHING **JUNETEENTH** AS A PAID HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS.

ON JUNE 18, 2018 **COFFEE** ORGANIZED AND HOSTED THE *ST. LOUIS MISSOURI HISTORY MUSEUM'S* FIRST **JUNETEENTH** CELEBRATION. THIS EVENT INCLUDED LOCAL ARTISTS, LEADERS AND HISTORIANS. ATTENDANCE INCLUDED STORYTELLER *BOBBY NORFOLK, BOBBY BRITTNEY BAND FEATURING THEDA ROX, UNIVERSAL AFRICAN PEOPLES ORGANIZATION PRES. GEN. ZAKI BARUTI AND KDHX RADIO DJ G-WIZ* AMONGST MANY OTHERS. **COFFEE** HELPED KICK OFF THIS YEAR'S JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION IN THE ST> LOUIS AREA PERFORMING IN AN EDUCATIONAL JUNETEENTH STAGE PLAY AND WAS A PANELIST AT THE *AFRO WORLD NEW AWAKENING JUNETEENTH FORUM* ON JUNE 2ND. SHE LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTINUE CELEBRATING WITH HER ANNUAL JUNETEENTH PARADE AND CELEBRATION ENDING THE MONTH ON JUNE 30, 2024. SHE WILL HOLD AN INVITATION ONLY EVENT AT THE JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY HEADQUARTERS. THIS IS DEDICATED TO THE COLORED TROOPS, BUFFALO SOLDIERS AND ALL PERSONS WHO SERVED IN THE MILITARY.

THIS HISTORIC LOCATION IN FAIRGROUNDS PARK IS ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI'S FIRST ZOO AND THE ORIGINAL BENTON BARRACKS OF COLORED TROOPS AND WHICH ONCE HOUSED CIVIL WAR REFUGEES.

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