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Representative Mario Scavello will be introducing a resolution designating June 19, 2011 as "Juneteenth: Emancipation Day" in Pennsylvania.

Even though President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1863, the Confederate States did not recognize the Proclamation. The announcement of the abolition of slavery in the US was made on June 19, 1865, after the conclusion of the Civil War at Appomattox Courthouse, VA on April 14, 1865 and the end of the Confederacy and since 1865, June 19 has come to be known as Juneteenth.