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**Statement of Lt. Governor Molly Gray recognizing Juneteenth**

**Montpelier, VT** – This morning, Lt. Governor Molly Gray released the following statement in recognition of Juneteenth:

“Today marks Juneteenth, an important day commemorating the signing of a paper order ending enslavement for African Americans in 1865.

A century and a half later, we continue to witness systemic racism, bigotry and hate threatening the life and liberty of Black Americans.

Today, I invite Vermonters to join me and communities across the state in a moment of meaningful reflection, recognition and commemoration of this day and the critical work that remains in delivering true freedom, equality and justice.”

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