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The Colorado Black Chamber along with District 8 Representative Carla Madison and District 11 Representative Michael Hancock are proud to announce **Juneteenth 2009: Our Time Is Now** to be held on **Saturday, June 20, 2009 9:00 am to 6:00 pm** in the **Historic Five Points District of Denver.**

For more than three decades, the annual Denver Juneteenth celebration, in the Five Points community, has grown to be one of the largest family oriented celebrations in the country. This year, events and activities include the parade, beginning at Manual High School, winding through the streets of East Denver to Welton Street where the festival kicks off. There will be live entertainment, vendors displaying cultural food and wares along with a variety of pavilions including, but not limited to, health, education and the very popular children's pavilion.

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. From its Galveston, Texas origin in 1865, the observance of June 19th as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond. The holiday honors June 19, 1865 the day slaves in Galveston, Texas finally learned President Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation two years earlier.

Volunteers, vendors, entertainers and parade participants are needed. For more information on the 2009 Juneteenth festival or to get involved contact via email Leslie Juniel, Festival Coordinator at juniel6@aol.com or Hanifah Chiku, PR Coordinator at hani.fah@hotmail.com.

