The Republican Party of New Mexico commemorates Juneteenth, a holiday that celebrates the end of slavery in the United States after the Civil War.

On June 19th, 1865, Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, to proclaim to the remaining enslaved African Americans that the Emancipation Proclamation, signed by Republican President Abraham Lincoln, had secured their freedom. Lincoln, alongside the Republican Party, then succeeded in passing the 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery in America, despite harsh opposition from the Democratic Party. Furthermore, Republicans championed the 14th Amendment, granting citizenship to African Americans, and the 15th Amendment, which extended the right to vote to African American men.

Juneteenth is also known as "Freedom Day," a day of liberty and justice that underscores the Republican Party's founding mission to uphold the principle embedded in our Declaration of Independence that "all men are created equal." We wish everyone in New Mexico a very Happy Juneteenth!