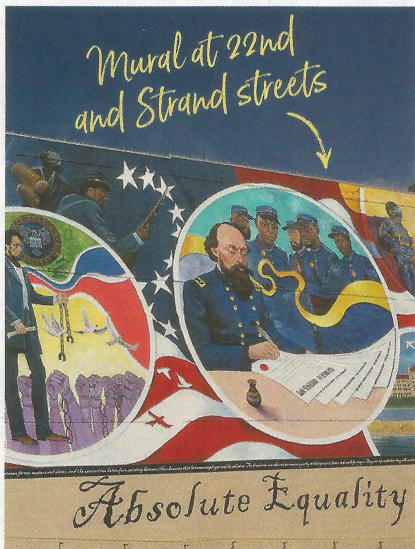


Explore Black History in Galveston

The site of the original Juneteenth proclamation, Galveston has played an important role in American history, and visitors can now explore that history via a new **self-guided tour**.

Historians and city tourism officials designed the tour to highlight the island's rich heritage and its notable African American residents. The tour weaves through 22 stops, including historic Black churches, Texas' first African American high school, and a section of the beachfront that was once segregated.

Each stop is intended to illuminate the lives of Black Galvestonians, including figures such as heavyweight champ Jack Johnson, newspaper publisher Richard Nelson, and educator and civil rights activist Jessie May McGuire Dent. "People need to know these success stories, and I think Juneteenth represents the beginning of these opportunities that led to all these great accomplishments by these men and women," says Sam Collins III, a local preservationist and advisor for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. visitgalveston.com. ➔ **CYNTHIA J. DRAKE**



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