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# Rep. Andy Schor Celebrates Black History Month

*Schor to co-chair Lansing's Juneteenth Celebration at the Capitol June 8*

LANSING — State Rep. **Andy Schor** (D-Lansing) said today that he welcomes the celebration of Black History Month and the rich contributions Lansing's African-American residents have made to the city. Schor has also been named an honorary co-chairman of the Lansing Juneteenth Celebration State Capitol Kick-Off.

“Lansing would not be what it is today without the African-Americans who have called our city home and contributed to our economy, culture and history,” Rep. Schor said. “From political leaders like Malcolm X to renowned musicians like Stevie Wonder, Lansing's history is intertwined with the history of African-Americans and their fight for full equality.”

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the day that enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, learned that the Civil War had ended two months earlier and that they were free. They were the last slaves to be emancipated in the United States, and the announcement was met with immediate celebration. Even though it would take more than a century for African-Americans in Texas and around the U.S. to have all their rights recognized — including the rights to vote, have an equal education and to live anywhere they chose — Juneteenth has been a celebration of freedom ever since.

“It's an honor to be asked to be a part of Lansing's Juneteenth celebration, which is now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year,” Rep. Schor said. “I look forward to celebrating Lansing's vibrant African-American history, and the American promise of freedom and equality, with my neighbors.”

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