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A Message from Mark A. Wallace

– PRESIDENT AND CEO, TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

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I am so proud that Texas Children's is honoring the celebration of Juneteenth — a holiday that commemorates the day enslaved people in Galveston, Texas gained their freedom — as a paid holiday beginning this year. **Juneteenth will be observed on Monday, June 20.**

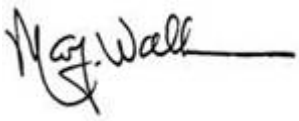
In 1954, Texas Children's was founded on the promise that we would care for every patient, regardless of their race, religion, creed or ability to pay — and I am proud to say that we have kept that promise! What makes me even more proud, is that collectively as an organization, we continue to recognize that there is always more to learn.

In recent years, we began a journey to understand ways in which we can be more inclusive and compassionate to each other's differences. We've focused on how we can do better at honoring, understanding and respecting the diversity within our organization and our patient families, and it brings me the greatest joy to now participate in such a meaningful and significant holiday.

Texas Children's is filled with such a beautiful fusion of races, cultures, religions and genders. People who are different from one another, who come from different parts of the world, but who also come together so effortlessly and exquisitely to achieve a unified mission as One Amazing Team. You are truly what makes Texas Children's so special!

I hope we can each take some time this month to learn something new about Black heritage and more about the history of Juneteenth. Remember, there is no better time than the present to educate yourself and discover even more about the holiday that symbolizes strength, hope and freedom.

All my best,



Mark A. Wallace