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BREAKING NEWS

MEDIA ADVISORY

92-YEAR-OLD OPAL LEE TO WALK WHERE JUNETEENTH BEGAN IN TEXAS

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Ms. Opal Lee of Fort Worth, TX will continue her walking campaign for Juneteenth holiday awareness on **Saturday, September 14th in Galveston, Texas** where the celebration got its origin. Almost 155 years ago, General Gordon Granger announced the enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation right where she will be walking.

Ms. Lee relaunched her 2016 grassroots walking campaign to bring awareness to the need for Juneteenth to be a National Day of Observance in July in Detroit, walked in Virginia and Oklahoma ahead of this fourth stop on her journey to visit all 46 states that have Juneteenth as an official state Day of Observance. She plans to walk 2.5 miles at each stop across the country to mobilize support for the **Change.org online petition** to gather more than 100,000 signatures when the it goes live in October. Check out www.opalswalk2dc.com/2016-media.html for the first campaign history

NEXT STOP Houston & Galveston, TX – As the eyes of the nation focus on Houston, TX for the third Democratic Debate, Ms. Opal hopes to get an audience with some of the candidates to impress upon them how important the holiday can be in unifying the country. **She is inviting them and other elected officials to walk the 2.5 miles with her from 2400 Seawall to the Juneteenth historical marker at 22nd & Strand starting at 8:00 AM.** Ms. Opal appreciates the significance of actually walking in Galveston, the birthplace of the Juneteenth celebration. Her history making journey will take her pass the Pleasure Pier, [Old Central](#), [Jack Johnson Park](#), [Ave L Baptist Church](#), City Hall and [Ashton Villa](#).

A board member of the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation (NJOF), Mrs. Lee at 92 years of age is giving it all she has to ensure that the importance of Juneteenth as a unifying event is not forgotten. NJOF is asking that we contact our two senators and ask them to support Juneteenth legislation to update US Code 36 which lists our national observances and holidays. If anyone wants to follow her journey or register to be notified when to sign the petition, they can do so at www.opalswalk2dc.com, on Facebook @opalswalk2dc or Twitter & Instagram @opalsw2dc.

<https://wtkr.com/2019/08/26/african-american-activist-stops-in-hampton-roads-pushing-for-national-juneteenth-holiday/>

<http://www.fox2detroit.com/news/local-news/92-year-old-kicks-off-juneteenth-awareness-walk-in-detroit>