PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (June 14, 2024) – On June 19, Prairie View A&M University joins the nation in commemorating Juneteenth, a federal holiday that marks the end of slavery in the United States. As the country observes this significant historical event, PVAMU has prepared a comprehensive list of history experts ready to engage in discussions about its profound impact. Faculty are available to discuss the historical significance of the landmark decision that was codified with adoption of the 13th Amendment.

Each member of our esteemed faculty listed below offers valuable insights into Juneteenth, its impact on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and the ongoing relevance of this moment in American history.

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