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To all State-paid members of the Judicial Branch,

On Wednesday, June 16, 2021, Governor Pritzker signed legislation declaring June 19 an official state holiday. This holiday, Juneteenth National Freedom Day, commemorates the abolition of slavery throughout the United States and its territories in 1865.

To avoid disruption to court users, Supreme Court and Appellate Courts will be open tomorrow, June 18. Local courts will be open unless closed by the chief circuit judge. Check with your local courthouse.

This year, we can recognize the holiday individually with our family and friends and, in the words of the new legislation, “reflect on the suffering endured by early African- Americans” and “celebrate the unique freedom and equality enjoyed by all State citizens today.”

On behalf of the Illinois Supreme Court, we thank you all for your continuing efforts to ensure that the administration of justice in Illinois is accessible and fair for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne M. Burke".

Anne M Burke
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Illinois