



PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S COTTAGE  
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## Extended Stay for Emancipation Proclamation at President Lincoln's Cottage

*This original, signed copy will remain on display at President Lincoln's Cottage through the end of April.*

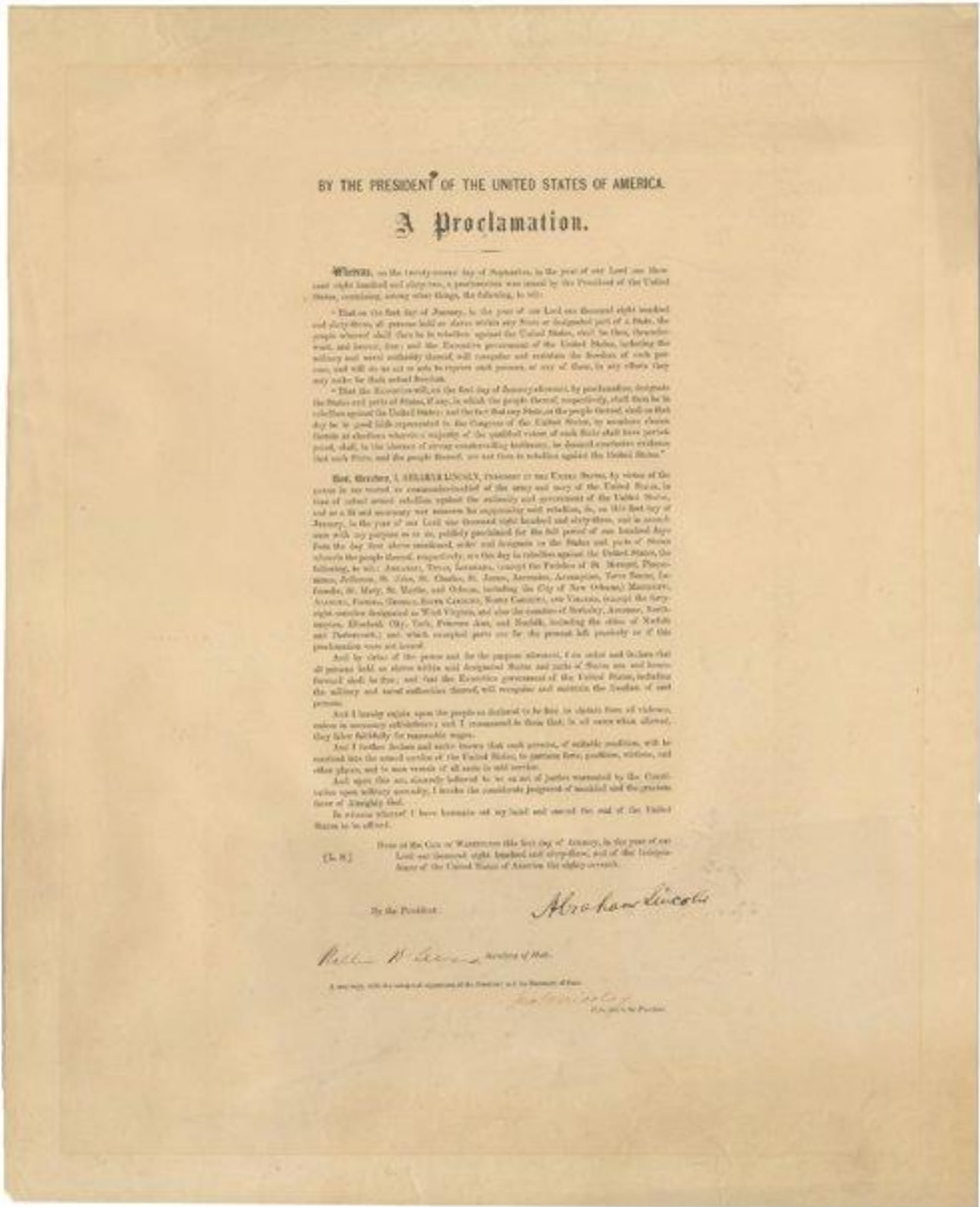
**Washington, D.C.** – A rare, signed copy of the Emancipation Proclamation currently on display at President Lincoln's Cottage will remain on view for an additional two months. The exhibition of this historic document in the Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center at President Lincoln's Cottage has been extended through April 30, 2013. The extended exhibition of the Emancipation Proclamation will coincide with the 151<sup>st</sup> anniversary of President Lincoln signing the DC Emancipation Act on April 16, 1862. President Lincoln's Cottage is the first public venue to display this copy of the Emancipation Proclamation, recently purchased David M. Rubenstein.

“David M. Rubenstein's generous extension of the Emancipation Proclamation display will allow thousands of visitors and students to enjoy an intimate viewing of this monumental document,” said Erin Carlson Mast, Executive Director of President Lincoln's Cottage. “President Lincoln developed the Emancipation Proclamation while in residence at the Cottage, and its display at this National Monument is a unique opportunity for the public to connect with Lincoln and his revolutionary ideas of freedom. The DC Emancipation Act is a lesser-known, but pivotal milestone on the road to emancipation. Having the Proclamation remain on display for the anniversary of DC Emancipation gives us another opportunity to raise awareness about the role our nation's capital played in this movement.”

President Lincoln developed the Emancipation Proclamation while living at the Cottage in the summer of 1862, making it the authentic place for understanding Lincoln's ideas on slavery and emancipation. President Lincoln's Cottage offered scholarly programs, celebratory events, and special emancipation-themed tours of the Cottage to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. More information on Emancipation Proclamation-related programming at President Lincoln's Cottage can be found at [www.lincolncottage.org/EP150](http://www.lincolncottage.org/EP150)

President Lincoln's Cottage, located in northwest Washington, D.C., is a site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. President Clinton declared the site a National Monument in 2000 and it opened to the public for the first time in 2008, providing Americans with unparalleled insight into the Emancipation Proclamation and Abraham Lincoln's visionary leadership. Through innovative guided tours, forward-thinking exhibits and quality educational programs, over 100,000 visitors have engaged in conversations on freedom, experienced a personal transformation in how they view our shared past, and reconsidered their role in our democracy today. Hours of operation: Tours on the hour, 7 days a week. Visitor Education Center is open 9:30am-4:30pm Monday-Saturday and 10:30am-4:30pm Sunday. For more information on President Lincoln's Cottage, visit: [www.lincolncottage.org](http://www.lincolncottage.org)

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, a privately-funded non-profit organization, works to save America's historic places. [www.preservationnation.org](http://www.preservationnation.org)



This copy of the Emancipation Proclamation signed by President Lincoln is on display in the Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center at President Lincoln's Cottage.

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