

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 13-0055

**Recognizing the 150th Anniversary of the signing of the
Emancipation Proclamation
by President Abraham Lincoln**

WHEREAS, the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation occurred 150 years ago this month, on January 1, 1863, by President Abraham Lincoln, represents a seminal moment in American history and in the history of people of African descent in this country; and

WHEREAS, the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was a major step towards the abolition of slavery, helping to fulfill the promise of the Declaration of Independence and renew this nation's founding philosophy of human liberty; and

WHEREAS, the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation set the table for the liberation of nearly 4 million people of African descent formerly enslaved in America who have made stellar contributions to every aspect of American life; and

WHEREAS, the Denver City Council recognizes the historic significance of the 150th Anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation as an important moment in our nation's history.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council encourages the celebration of this Anniversary with the spirit of freedom, equality, and justice for all people.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Rita R. Lewis, Esq., President of the Denver Branch of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People).

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL January 28 , 2013

PRESIDENT