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## James A. Garfield National Historic Site News Release

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### **Presidents' Day Celebration Focuses on Log Cabin Presidents and the Lincoln Bicentennial**

**Mentor, Ohio** – Celebrate Presidents' Day at the James A. Garfield National Historic Site on Monday, February 16 from 10 am to 5 pm. To honor both President Garfield and the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, this year's event will focus on "Log Cabin Presidents." In addition to enjoying a variety of exhibits and family activities in our Visitor Center, visitors may attend ranger talks and open house tours of the restored home of the nation's 20th President. Cake will be served at 10 am, available on a first-come, first-served basis. Admission to the Site is free for this event.

James A. Garfield, born in Orange Township, Ohio (now Moreland Hills) on November 19, 1831, was the last president born in a log cabin. Seven men before him were called "Log Cabin Presidents," although not all had a right to make that claim. The humble origins of birth in a log cabin exemplified the belief held by many Americans that power in a democracy should not be restricted to the wealthy or socially elite. The log cabin became a symbol of the pioneering spirit and the common man. This belief that anyone in America can become President endures through the recent election of President Barak Obama. Celebrate the American Presidency at the James A. Garfield National Historic Site on February 16.

For more information, please contact Park Ranger Allison Powell at 440-255-8722.

#### **About the James A. Garfield National Historic Site –**

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United States, the 1880 presidential campaign office, the 1893 carriage house, the windmill and several outbuildings associated with the Garfield farm. Most of the furnishings and personal effects in the main house are original Garfield family pieces, on loan to the NPS by the Western Reserve Historical Society.

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