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### Civil War to Civil Rights: Park Reenacts Lincoln's Visit to Independence Hall

**Philadelphia** – On February 22, 1861, President- elect Abraham Lincoln stepped outside Independence Hall on a cold, winter morning, said a few inspiring words, spat on his hands, rolled up his sleeves, and raised a 34- star flag – with the newly added star for the new State of Kansas. Wish you had been there? Well, now you can! Join the National Park Service, National Constitution Center, Philadelphia Flag Day Association, Historical Society of Frankford, The Union League of Philadelphia, and the Civil War History Consortium of Greater Philadelphia as we re- enact Lincoln's historic visit to Independence Hall in Philadelphia on **Tuesday, February 22, 2011, at 8:00 am.**

The reenactment of Lincoln's inaugural journey, from Springfield, Illinois to Washington, DC, from February 11- 23, 1861, is part of the National Park Service commemoration, "Civil War to Civil Rights: Experience Your America: 2009- 2015." Visitors to the park can learn the story behind Lincoln's visit to Philadelphia, then visit other park sites to learn about the significance of icons like Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell for the development and growth of the civil rights movement.

- 8:00** The event kicks off with a parade along Independence Mall starting at **8:00 am.** The parade will conclude in front of Independence Hall for a re- enactment of Lincoln's outdoor speech, comments by local civic leaders, and a raising of a historic, 34- star American Flag. The flag will continue to fly over Independence Hall for the duration of the day.
- 8:30** While visitors to the park can continue to enjoy patriotic music and history presented by National Park Service Rangers, Lincoln re- enactor Fritz Klein of Springfield, Illinois will join local students inside Independence Hall to recreate Lincoln's speech to the dignitaries gathered there.

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**9:30** The event will conclude with a question and answer session with President-elect Lincoln at the National Constitution Center.

Throughout the day, the National Constitution Center will host a variety of Lincoln-themed events, including:

*Living like Lincoln:* Ever wonder what life was like for boys and girls growing up on the 19<sup>th</sup> Century frontier? What was it like to live in a log cabin or go to a one room school house? Do you think you could walk around all day wearing a hoop skirt? This program will explore the life of children like Abraham Lincoln who lived in America at this exciting time. 10:30 am, 12:30pm and 2:30pm.

*Civil War Medicine Tent:* Learn all about 19<sup>th</sup> Century Medicine and the practices of doctors on the civil war battlefield in this fun and interactive demonstration. 10:00am to 3:00pm.

*Arts and Crafts:* Kids of all ages can make Lincoln top hats, popsicle stick log cabins, and quotable Lincoln magnets. 9:30am to 3:30pm.

For more information, please call 215- 597- 0060 or visit <http://www.nps.gov/liho/150th-lincolns-inaugural-journey.htm>.

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