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D.C. Emancipation Day at President Lincoln's Cottage and Petworth Citizen

Commemorate the 152nd anniversary of emancipation in the District on April 16th by dining out at Petworth Citizen, in support of President Lincoln's Cottage, "the Cradle of the Emancipation Proclamation."

Washington, D.C. – On April 16, 2014, 152 years after President Lincoln signed a bill ending slavery in the District of Columbia, President Lincoln's Cottage and Petworth Citizen are partnering to honor Lincoln's legacy here in Washington, D.C. From 4 pm until 1 am on Wednesday April 16, 2014, diners can visit Petworth Citizen, located at 829 Upshur Street NW Washington D.C. 20011, in honor of D.C. Emancipation Day. The restaurant will donate a portion of sales on that day to President Lincoln's Cottage, "the Cradle of the Emancipation Proclamation." "Lincoln lived and worked just up the road from the site of our restaurant, and we are thrilled to join with President Lincoln's Cottage in celebrating this important holiday," says Paul Ruppert, owner of Petworth Citizen.

President Lincoln's Cottage, the Lincoln family's seasonal home in Washington, D.C., is where Lincoln developed the Emancipation Proclamation during the summer of 1862. Earlier that year, over 3,000 enslaved people in D.C. were freed when Lincoln signed the Compensated Emancipation Act on April 16, 1862. Today, April 16th is a city holiday known as D.C. Emancipation Day. Visitors who tour President Lincoln's Cottage on April 16, 2014 will receive a free souvenir scroll of the D.C. Compensated Emancipation Act. "Shortly after signing the Compensated Emancipation Act, President Lincoln moved to the Cottage, where he developed his transformative emancipation policy for the nation," says Erin Carlson Mast, Executive Director of President Lincoln's Cottage. "We are delighted to celebrate the 152nd anniversary of emancipation in D.C. with our generous community partner, Petworth Citizen, and we welcome visitors to tour the Cottage on D.C. Emancipation Day to learn more about Lincoln's path to the Emancipation Proclamation." Tours of President Lincoln's Cottage are offered on the hour between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm, and advanced reservations are recommended: www.lincolncottage.org/tickets.

President Lincoln's Cottage, "the Cradle of the Emancipation Proclamation," is located on the grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, D.C. While living here for more than a quarter of his presidency, Abraham Lincoln bonded with soldiers and veterans, made crucial decisions about the Civil War, and, most notably, developed the Emancipation Proclamation his first summer in residence. His daily commute put him in regular contact with wounded soldiers and self-emancipated men, women, and children. Today, the site offers an intimate, never-before-seen view of Abraham Lincoln's presidency and private life, and new perspectives on the influential ideas Lincoln developed while living here.

The entrance to President Lincoln's Cottage is at the intersection of Upshur St NW and Rock Creek Church Rd NW (approximate GPS address: 140 Rock Creek Church Rd NW). The Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center is open 9:30am-4:30pm Monday-Saturday and 10:30am-4:30pm Sunday. Tours of President Lincoln's Cottage are given daily on the hour, and all tours begin in the Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center. For more information on President Lincoln's Cottage, visit: www.lincolncottage.org or call 202-829-0436.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, a privately-funded non-profit organization, works to save America's historic places. President Lincoln's Cottage is a site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. For more information, visit: www.preservationnation.org.

Petworth Citizen, located at 829 Upshur Street NW Washington DC 20011, is a neighborhood bar with great bar food and a literary focus. On April 16, 2014, Petworth Citizen will be open from 4:00 pm until 1:00 am. Dinner is served until 11:00 pm; a late night happy hour menu featuring small plates and drinks is available between 11:00 pm and 1:00 am.