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President Lincoln's Cottage Named in *Washingtonian* Magazine's 50 "Great Places to Work"

Washington, D.C. – President Lincoln's Cottage, a historic house museum and independent nonprofit located in Northwest Washington, has been named one of the 50 "Great Places to Work" in the Washington, D.C. area by *Washingtonian* magazine. Announced every two years, the winning workplaces are chosen by a panel of editors after reviewing hundreds of companies and 8,000 employee surveys.

The 50 winning workplaces, which will be featured in the March 2017 issue of the *Washingtonian*, were chosen on the basis of such measures as: generous pay and benefits, interesting and meaningful work, great work/life balance, opportunities to learn and grow, financial stability, commitment to charity and community, and the recognition and respect given to employees. President Lincoln's Cottage received a full analysis of survey answers, including scoring a 100% in the "Would you recommend this company to a friend as a great place to work?" and "I love coming to work" categories.

"It's gratifying to be recognized as a great place to work in the greater Washington, D.C. area," explains Erin Mast, Executive Director and CEO of President Lincoln's Cottage, "not only as a small nonprofit, but as a place where Lincoln made historic advances in how we define liberty and workers' rights."

Receiving the distinction as a *Washingtonian* Great Place to Work rounds out an excellent year for President Lincoln's Cottage. In January 2016 President Lincoln's Cottage became an independent 501(c)3, and since has received several national awards for excellence in history and education. For example, in October 2016 President Lincoln's Cottage received a Presidential Medal for its youth education program, Students Opposing Slavery, from the U.S. Department of State.

About President Lincoln's Cottage: For over a quarter of Abraham Lincoln's presidency, he lived at the Cottage on an uplifting hilltop in Northwest Washington, D.C. While in residence, President Lincoln made some of his most crucial decisions of the Civil War, visited with wounded soldiers, spent time with self-emancipated men, women and children, and developed the Emancipation Proclamation. His experience of being surrounded by the human cost of war here undoubtedly impacted his thinking and strengthened his resolve to challenge the status quo. Through innovative guided tours, exhibits and programs, we use Lincoln's example to inspire visitors to take their own path to greatness, and preserve this place as an authentic, tangible connection to the past and a beacon of hope for all who take up Lincoln's unfinished work.

President Lincoln's Cottage is a private independent 501(c)3 located on the grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement Home. The Cottage is recognized as a National Historic Landmark, National Monument, and site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Hours of operation: The Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center is open 9:30am-4:30pm Monday-Saturday and 10:30am-4:30pm Sunday. Cottage tours are on the hour, seven days a week. For more information, visit: www.lincolncottage.org or call 202-829-0436.