

DC Emancipation Day 2007

MARCH FOR STATEHOOD!



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**MARCH WITH US FOR
SELF-GOVERNMENT, BUDGET, LEGISLATIVE, AND
JUDICIAL AUTONOMY
WITH EQUAL VOTING RIGHTS! STATEHOOD!**

WHY WOULD WE ACCEPT ANYTHING LESS?

Monday, April 16th - 1 PM

Meet at: Franklin Square, Corner 13th & Eye Street NW

The first DC Emancipation Day parades started at this Historic Location. Our march will likewise begin there and proceed to Freedom Plaza to join the main activities.

FIRST FREED, LAST FREE!

On April 16, 1862, while the Civil War still raged, President Abraham Lincoln signed into law the Compensated Emancipation Act. It released 3,100 enslaved persons held in forced servitude and abolished slavery in District of Columbia. Each slaveholder was paid up to \$300 per enslaved person. This law struck a mighty blow against American slavery that resulted in the Emancipation Proclamation that abolished slavery across the nation some nine months later. Lincoln's signing followed active resistance to slavery that included slave rebellions, the Underground Railroad, organized abolition movements and international condemnation of that most cruel of economic institutions. DC Emancipation Day was the most important annual observance in the African-American community in Washington, exceeding the 4th of July, Christmas and New Year holidays until the early 1900s.

NEXT MEETING - APRIL 24 - CALL OR VISIT WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

NEXT TEACH-IN AT AFSC - "FROM SLAVERY TO STATEHOOD"

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