

# African American History Month 2013

## The 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation & 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington



An uncertain fate met slaves who ran away to Union lines. Contraband slaves at Foller's Farm, Cumberland, Virginia. May 14, 1862. Courtesy Library of Congress.



President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, as the nation approached its third year of bloody civil war. The proclamation declared "that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious states "are, and henceforward shall be free."



A Union soldier reads the Emancipation Proclamation to newly freed slaves.

# From Emancipation



The March on Washington was organized in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation to call on the country to fulfill its promise. Photo by Warren K. Leffler, August 1963, courtesy the Library of Congress.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speaks at The March on Washington.



A young girl attends The March on Washington.

# To Inauguration



The first African American was inaugurated on January 20, 2009 as the 44th President of the United States. President Barack Obama was elected in 2012 for his second term. His wife, Michelle, and two daughters, Malia and Sasha, look on as he is sworn into office.



The crowd cheers as President Obama is sworn into the office of the President of the United States .



President and Mrs. Obama dance at the Inauguration Ball.

**Monday, February 4, 2013 - Throughout the Day - African American Literature, Music and Art Raffle - Lighthouse Café**

**Month of February 2013 - Poster Series - Lighthouse Café Stage**

**Thursday, February 28, 2013 - 12:00-2:00 p.m. - African American Achievement Luncheon - Petit Salon**