

Sesquicentennial of the Emancipation Proclamation

Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Subcommittee
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission

Planning Document

January 1, 2013 marks the Sesquicentennial of the Emancipation Proclamation. The King Commission has determined it appropriate to commemorate this historic event with appropriate programs and activities across the Commonwealth. The Commission has charged its Lincoln Bicentennial Subcommittee with planning for this occasion.

- Local and/or regional celebrations
- Lectures and symposia
- Collaboration with various state and local agencies, relevant legislative groups, historical societies, and professional, community, and faith-based organizations
- Exhibits and period musical programs
- Slave and African American Cemetery Project
 - Planning and development beginning immediately, culminating in January 2013
 - Engage students at public and private institutions of higher education in research
 - Solicit local partners to canvass Commonwealth and identify cemeteries and graves
 - Research to identify and locate cemeteries
 - Corporate partners to assist in marking/honoring graves
- Public relations
- Culminating event(s)