

Sesquicentennial of the Emancipation Proclamation Signature Events



Date	Event
December 31, 2012	Watch Night Service (Commemoration Kick Off) with Faith Community at Good Shepherd Baptist Church, 1127 North 28th Street, Richmond at 10:00 p.m.
January 1, 2013	Annual Emancipation Proclamation Day Program with Faith Community at Fifth Baptist Church, 1415 West Cary Street, Richmond, at 10:00 a.m.
January 1, 2013	Bell Tolling across the Commonwealth, at 12:00 noon
February 12, 2013	Annual Lincoln Birthday Observance at Lincoln Homestead in Rockingham County, at 12:00 noon
April 13, 2013	Emancipation Proclamation Concert with Richmond Symphony at Richmond CenterStage, 8:00 p.m.
April 27, 2013	Discussion: Cemeteries of enslaved African American with Dr. Cassandra Newby-Alexander and Lynn Rainville, The College of William and Mary, Integrated Science Center, Room 1127, 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM, in Williamsburg
May 4, 2013	Genealogy Workshop led by Paula Royster, President & CEO, The Center for African American Genealogical Research, Inc., The College of William and Mary, Swem Library, Dulin Learning Center, Room 134, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
June 29, 2013 -- January 5, 2014	Music Exhibit "Revolutions: Songs of Social Change, 1860-65 and 1960-65," Virginia Historical Society, 428 North Boulevard, Richmond
September 17, 2013	Unveiling of commemorative plaques of African American Legislators who served in Underwood Convention and General Assembly during Reconstruction, State Capitol at 5:00 p.m.
April 2014	Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation and the 13th Amendment at the Emancipation Oak Tree, Hampton University
April 3-6, 2014	Emancipation Proclamation Day Parade and Reenactment of Lincoln's visit to Richmond and Petersburg (Lincoln in Petersburg, Phase 3)
April 2015	*Commission viewing of the film "Lincoln" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel of Scholars • Explore partnership for viewing with Virginia Historical Society
May 2015	*Public Forum: Contemporary Relevance of Emancipation Proclamation, Fort Monroe
July 6, 2015 -- March 2016	Partnership with Library of Virginia Emancipation Proclamation Exhibition
Summer 2015	Teacher Institutes on the Reconstruction Amendments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Richmond Downtown Campus • Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia • Tour of Richmond's African American and Other Historical Sites
September 2015 <i>(proposed two-day conference, Friday and Saturday)</i>	Reconstruction Amendments Symposium <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Richmond Law School • Virginia Commonwealth University Department of History • Hampton University • Richard Bland College • Virginia State University • Virginia Union University • Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia
Fall (September 2015)	Dedication and Unveiling of Emancipation Proclamation and Freedom Monument
October 2015	Concluding Event, Period Ball

*Being Explored

Other Commemorative Activities

- Legacy products and keepsakes to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation
- A CD will be produced for sale and CD release party
- Poster will be available as a keepsake
- Bookmarks and cards honoring African Americans in Underwood Convention and General Assembly during Reconstruction



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