



Legislation Text

---

**File #:** Res 0616-2015, **Version:** \*

---

Res. No. 616

Resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of the death of President Abraham Lincoln on April 15, 2015.

By Council Members Maisel, Chin, Johnson, Richards, Vallone, Koslowitz, Rosenthal and Ulrich

Whereas, Abraham Lincoln was elected the 16th President of the United States of America on November 6, 1860; and

Whereas, On the way to Lincoln's election to the United States Presidency, he delivered his famous speech at Cooper Union in New York City arguing against the expansion of slavery into the new western territories being incorporated into the United States, which catapulted him to the national stage; and

Whereas, Abraham Lincoln was a firm supporter of the abolition of slavery in the United States of America; and

Whereas, Within three months of President Lincoln's election for President of the United States, seven southern states seceded from the United States and formed the Confederate States of America (Confederacy); and

Whereas, The American Civil War officially began at Fort Sumter, South Carolina; and

Whereas, By the end of the American Civil War, a total of eleven states had seceded from the United States to form the Confederacy; and

Whereas, On January 1, 1863, President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, outlawing the institution of slavery in all of the Confederate states; and

Whereas, On April 9, 1865, General Ulysses S. Grant, who was appointed by President Lincoln, secured the surrender of Confederate General Robert E. Lee, effectively ending the American Civil War; and

Whereas, On April 14, 1865, President Lincoln was shot at Ford's Theater in Washington, District of Columbia (D.C.) by a Confederate sympathizer and actor named John Wilkes Booth; and

Whereas, President Lincoln later died on April 15, 1865; and

Whereas, His body was carried by funeral train from Washington, D.C. to Springfield, Illinois, where he was observed, mourned, and honored by citizens of several cities, including the City of New York; and

Whereas, From April 24, 1865 to April 25, 1865, President Lincoln's casket was presented to City Hall in the City of New York for public viewing and participation in the funeral procession; and

Whereas, President Abraham Lincoln's leadership preserved the Union and ended the institution of slavery in the United States; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York commemorates the 150th anniversary of the death of President Abraham Lincoln on April 15, 2015.

OA/TC  
LS 3907  
2/2/2015  
10:00AM