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ABOLISHING SLAVERY.

13th Amendment text: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to the jurisdiction thereof."

13th Amendment



By the President of the United States of America  
A Proclamation.

Whereas, on the twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, the following, to wit:

"That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom."

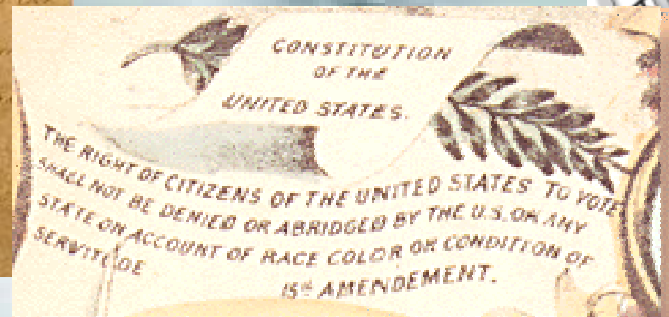
"That the Executive will, on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, do all things necessary and proper to carry out the above-provisioned article of this Proclamation."

Emancipation Proclamation (September 22, 1862)



"No state shall ... deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws"

14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution



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