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Foundation for the National Archives and Applewood Books Release Commemorative Emancipation Proclamation Book to Mark 150th Anniversary

National Archives Edition Includes Message from Congressman John Lewis

Washington, DC – The Foundation for the National Archives, in association with Applewood Books, announces the release of *The Emancipation Proclamation*, a special edition book published in honor of the 150th anniversary of President Lincoln's signing of the proclamation.

The National Archives' edition, available only in the new myArchives Store at the National Archives Building, includes a message from Congressman John Lewis, a leader in the civil rights movement who chairs the National Archives Host Committee for the 150th anniversary celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation.

The Host Committee is a distinguished group of former Presidents of the United States and First Ladies, civic and community leaders, historians, authors, journalists, and celebrities drawn together by their love of history and their dedication to assisting the National Archives and its Foundation in increasing awareness of the important work of our nation's official record keeper.

In addition to the full text of the Emancipation Proclamation, the 32-page book also includes the first draft of the Emancipation Proclamation from July, 1862; President Lincoln's remarks at a cabinet meeting in September, 1862; the text of the Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation; and the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which outlawed slavery nationwide.

The official Emancipation Proclamation, as well as the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and billions more records of the federal government, are held in trust for the American people by the National Archives.

A special three-day viewing of the fragile Emancipation Proclamation is scheduled Dec. 30, 2012—Jan. 1, 2013, in the East Rotunda of the National Archives Building.

The 150th anniversary celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation is presented in part by the Verizon Foundation.

For more information on the Emancipation Proclamation at the National Archives and a Calendar of Events, visit EP150.com.

For a listing of other publications published by the Foundation for the National Archives, please visit us online at:

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About the Foundation for the National Archives

The Foundation for the National Archives is an independent nonprofit that serves as the National Archives' private-sector partner in the creation of and ongoing support of the National Archives Experience, which includes permanent exhibits, educational programs, traveling exhibits, special events and film screenings, educational literature, and historical/records-related products and media. The Foundation helps the public understand the importance of the holdings of the National Archives by presenting the depth and diversity of the records through award-winning, interactive educational exhibits and programs. It generates financial and creative support for the National Archives Experience from individuals, foundations, and corporations who share a belief in the importance of innovative civics education.

About the National Archives Experience

The National Archives Experience, created by the National Archives in partnership with the Foundation for the National Archives, has transformed the visitor experience at the National Archives' Washington, DC building, and includes a renovated Rotunda for the Charters of Freedom, the award-winning Public Vaults permanent interactive exhibition, the William G. McGowan Theater, the Lawrence F. O'Brien Gallery for special exhibits, the Boeing Learning Center,

and the Digital Vaults online exhibit. These components make the rich resources of the National Archives accessible to Americans nationwide.

About Applewood Books

Applewood Books, publishers of America's living past, was founded in 1976. The company's mission is to build a picture of America through its primary sources. Since its founding, Applewood Books has reissued over 5,000 American books and periodicals. More information can be found at Applewood's website: <http://www.awb.com>.