

PROCLAMATION

Lincoln Day

February 12, 2018

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln was born in Hardin County, Kentucky, on February 12 in 1809; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln began his political career at the age of 23 in 1832 when he ran an unsuccessful campaign for the Illinois General Assembly as a Whig Party member; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln joined the newly formed Republican Party in 1854 and was nationally recognized during the 1858 debates with Stephen Douglas despite Douglas' win in the race for US Senator; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln won the presidency in 1860 and, despite being a Republican, rallied most northern Democrats to the Union case during the Civil War (1861-65); and

WHEREAS, known as the Great Emancipator, Rail Splitter and Honest Abe, Lincoln was the president throughout the American Civil War and is known for his struggle to preserve the Union and for his issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, John Wilkes Booth assassinated Lincoln at Ford's Theatre in Washington DC on April 14, 1865; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln's Birthday was first celebrated as a holiday in 1866, one year after his death; and

WHEREAS, many states have a joint holiday to honor both birthdays of Lincoln and George Washington, sometimes calling it President's Day.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Alameda Unified School District Board of Education proclaims February 12, 2018 as Lincoln Day.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of January, 2018.

AYES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

NOES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

ABSENT: _____ MEMBERS: _____

Gray Harris, President
Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District
Alameda County, State of California

ATTEST:

By: _____

Sean McPhetridge, Secretary
Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District
Alameda County, State of California