Proclamation Text Template:

Proclamation text suggestion, please feel free to tailor for your city/county.

International Underground Railroad Month

September 1-30, 2020

FIRST PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE CITY/COUNTY SPECIFIC, this was Maryland’s text from 2019:

Whereas, In recognition of Maryland as the most powerful destination for authentic Underground Railroad history and in commemoration of all those involved in the Underground Railroad, including Maryland’s courageous Harriet Tubman, the brilliant orator Frederick Douglass and thousands of freedom seekers; and

OTHER PARAGRAPHS THE SAME FOR ALL, with specific city/county named where appropriate:

Whereas, In appreciation of the inspiring efforts of the people of [your city/county] and all those from around the world who have committed themselves to document and share the Underground Railroad through the National Park Service’s National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization’s Sites of Memory designations; and

Whereas, the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom acknowledges the significance of the Underground Railroad, and all those involved, for its contribution to the eradication of slavery in the United States and as a cornerstone for a more comprehensive civil rights movement that followed.

Whereas, International Underground Railroad Month provides an opportunity for world-wide open dialogue that illuminates the hopes that arise from freedom for all people.

Now, therefore, I [Your city/county leader] [leader’s title] of [Your city/county], do hereby proclaim September 1-30, 2020 as International Underground Railroad Month in [Your city/county] and do commend this observance to all [Your city/county] ers.