



Greetings

INTERNATIONAL EMANCIPATION DAY PROGRAM

July 29, 2005

As Mayor of the District of Columbia, I am delighted to join with the president and Board of Directors of the Ontario Black History Society in celebrating the International Emancipation Day Program, which is being held in Toronto, Canada. The United States National Park Services and Parks Canada have been invited to participate in the International Emancipation Day Program to honor the history, culture, and heritage of the abolition movement on both sides of the American and Canadian borders.

On August 1, 1834, The International Emancipation Day Program celebrates and commemorates the abolition of slavery in the British Empire. This event fueled abolition movements worldwide. In celebration of International Emancipation Day, the Ontario Black History Society will host educational forums on the emancipation movement in Canada.

On behalf of the residents of the District of Columbia, you have my best wishes for a successful program.

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