We the people celebrate the ratification of the 13th Amendment... 150 years ago.

You are invited to this free community event and **speak out!**

**Dred & Harriet Scott Days in the State of Minnesota**

**Saturday, December 5, 2015**  2:00-4:00pm

Sabathani Community Center  
(310 E 38th Street, Minneapolis)  featuring Dr. John Wright, PhD, and music

**Sunday, December 6, 2015**  12:30-2:00pm

Vigil at Historic Fort Snelling Visitor Center for all persons enslaved, trafficked, interned, persecuted or denied the full status of persons protected by the United States Constitution.  
(200 Tower Avenue, St. Paul, 55111)

With the ratification of the 13th Amendment formally abolishing slavery in the US.... 150 years ago, the abolition of America’s largest capitol generating institution created a backlash which took many forms. Violent resistance, the Black Codes, the formation of the KKK and "state's rights" which persist to this day. Please join us in remembering the past in order to make a better future in Minnesota. Come and learn from speakers and artists about Dred and Harriet Scott and their impact on history. Dred Scott carries clear lessons for our democracy. How do you see your citizenship or status in America?
December 5-6, 2015 Dred and Harriet Scott Days were celebrated in Minnesota, proclaimed by Governor Mark Dayton in a State of Minnesota Proclamation sponsored by the LTL International Leadership Institute. Two days of celebrations were held at Sabathani Community Center and at Historic Fort Snelling with speakers, a youth choir and various religious and civic leaders presenting historical information. A tour of the Scotts’ living quarters at the Fort was also provided. (©International Leadership Institute www.internationalleadership.org)
WHEREAS: The people of Minnesota recognize the lasting contribution of Dred and Harriet Scott to freedom and human rights for all persons; and

WHEREAS: The couple were enslaved at Fort Snelling, starting in 1837, which subsequently was the basis for Dred Scott's lawsuit for freedom and basic human rights; and

WHEREAS: The noble efforts of Dred and Harriet Scott to gain their freedom through the courts exacerbated tension, contributing to the Civil War; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota was the first state to offer troops to the Union Army; and

WHEREAS: The 13th Amendment to the US Constitution abolishing slavery was passed by the U.S. Congress on January 31, 1865, and the states ratified the amendment on December 6, 1865.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim December 5-6, 2015, as:

DRED AND HARRIET SCOTT DAYS

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 16th day of November.

[Signature]
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE