

Abraham Lincoln

THE INTERNATIONAL LOCAL POST
COMMEMORATES LINCOLN'S BICENTENNIAL
WITH THIS LIMITED EDITION
COLLECTIBLE STAMP



This month of February and throughout 2009, Americans will honor President Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday.

Lincoln was born Feb. 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky. There are many events scheduled in celebration of his **bicentennial**, or 200th birthday.

President Lincoln was inaugurated as America's 16th President on March 4, 1861. One month later, in April 1861, the Civil War began in South Carolina. Lincoln was the first member of the Republican party to be elected President. One of Lincoln's goals was to end slavery in the United States. He issued his Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 and promoted the passage of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, which occurred prior to his death in 1865.

Dating back to the 17th Century, the Thanksgiving holiday was only recognized as a regional holiday in New England. But in 1863, President Lincoln officially declared the final Thursday in November to be a national day of Thanksgiving, and that holiday has been celebrated each year since.

In 1865, he was re-elected to a second term as President by a **landslide**, or massive win. On the evening of April 14, 1865, Lincoln was shot while attending a play at Ford's Theater in Washington. He died early the next morning.

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The ***International Local Post*** was founded in early 2008 as a learning tool for children all around the world, with the help of a family member or friend, to have fun playing the age old game of Post Office. A very fun way for children of all ages to learn about the world around them, through stamps, postmarks, and other creative items that travel through the international mail stream. By taking an active part in preparing mail, corresponding with others, and thus promoting the hobby of stamp collecting. Children also hone elementary skill sets, organizational skills, and teamwork.

Operating globally, the ***International Local Post*** is also a fun philatelic alternative for the enjoyment of all philatelic collectors, especially local post enthusiasts. While certain stamps are produced by the Intl. Local Post for the use of ILP Stations world-wide. The organization encourages it's young members (under the age of 18) to create their own works of art, which are then crafted into high quality, collectible local post stamps that are unique to only that one station. ILP Station Masters and Station Agents may use the stamps as decoration on their own mailings, or to exchange with others. In most cases such as this, a particular stamp is produced in small quantities and may then have a short service life. Making them rare and sometimes difficult to find.

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