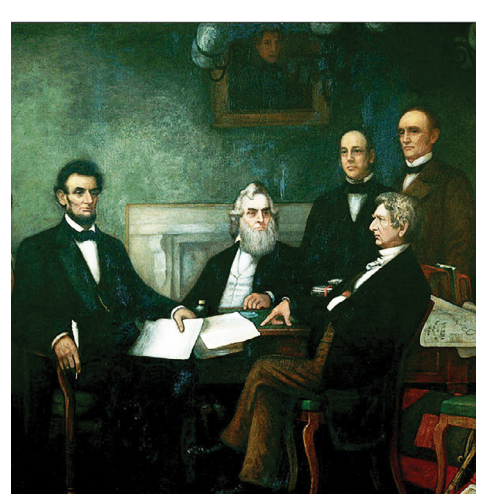


Lincoln: The Emancipation Proclamation

Editor's note: In the midst of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln, in accordance with his constitutional authority as commander-in-chief, personally wrote and issued a document that would establish a decisive course for the war and for the nation. The noble struggle neither began nor ended with this proclamation, yet its impact has been extraordinary. More than one hundred sixty years later, all of us are still appointed to be honorable stewards of the call.

State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom.



Now, therefore I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested as Commander-in-Chief, of the Army and Navy of the United States in time of actual armed rebellion against the authority

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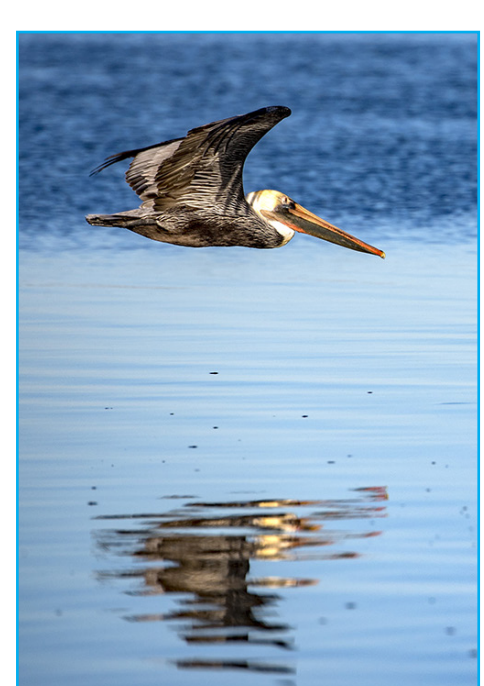
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