

**Town of Hingham, Massachusetts
Lincoln Day Proclamation**

WHEREAS, *The Town of Hingham was settled in 1635 by a small band of puritans many of whom came from Hingham, England and environs; and,*

WHEREAS, *Among the descendants of those original settlers, were two famous American public figures who shared the common family name "Lincoln" as well as a common heritage; and,*

WHEREAS, *It is a long-standing Hingham tradition to honor and celebrate their birthdays: General Benjamin Lincoln, a life-long Hingham citizen and a hero of the American Revolution; and, Abraham Lincoln, our 16th President and the towering figure of the Civil War; and,*

WHEREAS, *We honor and celebrate the lives and deeds, in all their complexity, of the two Lincolns because of the incredible legacy of civic engagement and community-building they have left for us; and,*

WHEREAS, *In this year, Two Thousand and Twenty-four, we pay special honor to four centuries of our citizens-- those famous like Benjamin Lincoln, and Abraham Lincoln-- and those unknown to history, who worked in myriad ways to build and sustain this wonderful community of Hingham and the broader communities of state and nation; and,*

WHEREAS, *The preservation of community is a perpetual task in which each generation must fully participate.*

Now, Therefore: We, the Select Board of the Town of Hingham, do Hereby Officially Proclaim:

**Saturday, February 10, 2024
Lincoln Day**

Finally, we urge each citizen to take to heart the examples of the two Lincolns and those of four centuries of Hingham citizens, and we urge each citizen to participate in some concrete way in the strengthening and preservation of this community of Hingham and the broader communities of state and nation for the generations which will succeed us.

Given under our hands and seal of Hingham, this thirtieth day of January 2024.

_____ Elizabeth F. Klein, Chair

_____ Joseph M. Fisher

_____ William C. Ramsey