



**PROCLAMATION:**  
**SLAVERY**  
**OUTLAWED**

**13TH AMENDMENT PASSED**

To ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETING:—  
Know ye, that, whereas, the Congress of the United States, on the 1st of February last, passed a resolution, which is in the words following, to-wit: "A resolution submitting to the Legislatures of the several States a proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States—  
Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both houses concurring, that the following article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of said Legislatures, shall be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the Constitution, namely:—  
"ARTICLE 13.—SECTION 1.—Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction.  
SECTION 2.—Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."  
—official documents on file in the Department of State, Washington, D.C., of the United States of America.