



The Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees the right to vote to citizens regardless of "race, color, or previous condition of servitude." This amendment, ratified February 3, 1870, was the last of three landmark amendments that abolished slavery in the United States, and granted citizenship and voting rights to former slaves and free African Americans.

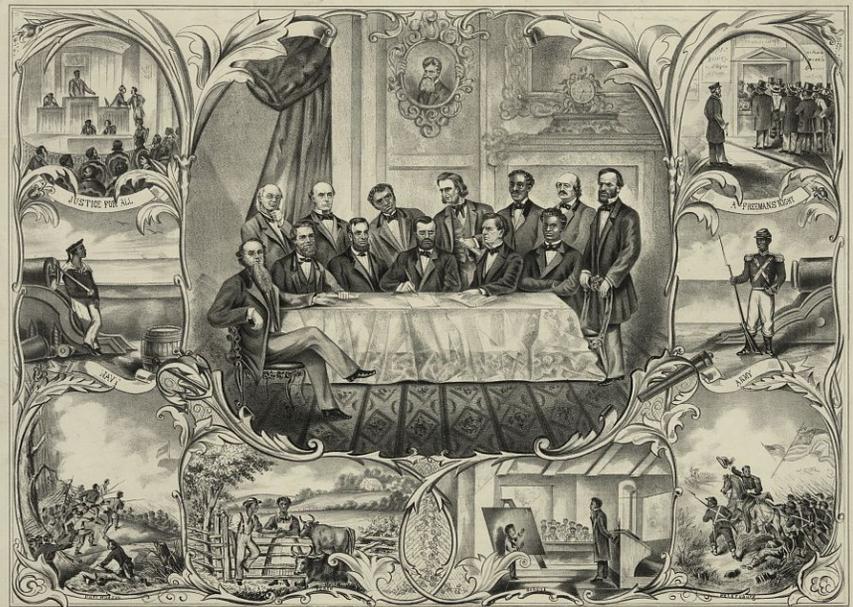
Concerning the amendment, President Grant wrote, in part, "A measure which makes at once four millions of people voters, who were heretofore declared by the highest tribunal in the land not citizens of the United States, nor eligible to become so, with the assertion that... 'black men had no rights which white men were bound to respect,' is indeed a measure of grander importance than any other one act of the kind from the foundation of our free Government to the present time."

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Join Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site for a
**15th Amendment
Commemoration**
Saturday, February 4, 2012
10 a.m.

Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site
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Featured speaker: Lynne Jackson

Ms. Jackson is the great-great-granddaughter of Dred and Harriet Scott, and is the chair of the Dred Scott Heritage Foundation.

In addition to this special ceremony, enjoy:

- Tours of historic White Haven
- Junior Ranger activities for kids of all ages
- Divided Loyalties, a special traveling exhibit on the Civil War in Missouri, from the Missouri State Archives