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“The Lincoln Funeral Train” Indiana State Historical Marker Will Be Dedicated in Indianapolis

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for Wednesday, March, 4, 2009. The state historical marker commemorating the Lincoln Funeral Train’s stop in Indianapolis will be dedicated on the south lawn of the Indiana State House in downtown Indianapolis at 10:00 A.M. Eastern Standard Time.

The text follows for the state marker entitled “The Lincoln Funeral Train”:

Assassinated President Abraham Lincoln’s funeral was April 19, 1865 at the White House. The funeral train left for Springfield, Illinois April 21 directed by the military; stops en route allowed mourners to pay homage. In Richmond, Indiana, Governor Oliver P. Morton boarded; train reached Indianapolis, April 30, at 7:00 a.m. Buildings were draped in black. In the rain, Lincoln’s coffin was escorted along crowded streets lined with soldiers to old State House, located here. Reports say at least 50,000 people viewed Lincoln’s open casket in the rotunda. Through streets lit by bonfires and torches, coffin was returned to Union Depot; train departed at 12:00 a.m. for Michigan City, last scheduled Indiana stop.

This marker is the first of four new Indiana state historical markers supported by the Indiana Historical Bureau and the Indiana Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission to commemorate Abraham Lincoln’s life, death, and connections with Indiana.

State historical markers commemorate significant individuals, organizations, places, and events in Indiana history. These markers help communities throughout the state promote, preserve, and present their history for the education and enjoyment of residents and tourists of all ages. For more than 90 years the Indiana Historical Bureau, an agency of the State of Indiana, has been marking Indiana history. Since 1947, the marker format has been the large roadside marker, which has the familiar dark blue background with gold lettering and the outline of the state of Indiana at the top. There are approximately 500 of these markers across the state.

For more information about this marker, the state Historical Marker Program, and other resources about Indiana, visit the Indiana Historical Bureau’s website at www.IN.gov/history or call 317-232-2537.

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