This year we commemorate the 150th anniversary of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. On April 30th, 1865, the Lincoln Funeral Train arrived in Indianapolis at Union Station. The coffin was brought by carriage to the former State House to lie in state. From early morning to late that night thousands of Hoosiers filed through the building and past the coffin to pay their respects to our former President. The train then moved on to Michigan City, Chicago and finally to Springfield, IL where he was laid to rest.

The Indiana Commission on Public Records, the Historical Bureau and the Capitol Tour Office are planning two ceremonies to mark the occasion and remember the man. Both ceremonies will include music provided by the historic Indianapolis Maennerchor. This choir was in existence in 1865 and sang at the ceremony for Lincoln that was held at the former State House. Military interpreters of the US 19th Regular Infantry who were stationed in Indianapolis in the 1860s will provide authentic flags and the military presence. There will also be many artifacts on display in the Rotunda during the month of April.

**APRIL 7TH**

The first event will take place on April 7th at 11:00 in the Rotunda of the State House. The artifacts on display will include a replica of the original coffin created by the Batesville Casket Co., Batesville, IN. Interpretative readings will be provided by Senator Jim Merritt and Representative Tom Saunders. Pam Bennett, Commissioner of the Historical Bureau will provide the audience with the history of the time.

Both events are open to the public and free of charge. If you would like more information please call or email, Jennifer Hodge 317-233-9830 jhodge@idoa.in.gov

**APRIL 30TH**

The second program will be held on the anniversary of the day his body lay in the Indiana State House, April 30th. At 11:00, Governor Pence and members of the Legislative and Judicial branches of government will lay wreaths and flowers in remembrance. The program will be led by Jim Corridan, the Commissioner of Public Records. At the conclusion of the program, an internationally acclaimed Lincoln interpreter from the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site will provide the audience with a firsthand look at the man of 1861.