

IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

National Capital Parks-East NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Interior Region 1- NationalCapitalArea 1900 Anacostia Drive, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20020

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Emancipation Monument and Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial in Lincoln Park will be enclosed with fencing beginning at approximately, 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2020 and continuing through approximately 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2020. A map illustrating the closed park areas is attached. Closures of these areas will be identified by fencing and signage. Violation is prohibited.

The park areas will be closed to the public to safeguard the statuary located there to be protected from acts of vandalism or other damage during demonstrations. Most recently, following the June 23, 2020 demonstration, reports indicate plans to tear down the Emancipation Monument on June 25, 2020.

The National Park Service will determine whether the closure should be extended temporarily to protect these resources from significant imminent threat of destruction and vandalism and the threat to public safety that may be attendant to such vandalism.

The National Park Service appreciates the public's cooperation in this matter.

Tara, D. Morrison, Superintendent

<u>6/25/2020</u> Date