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Lincoln on Leadership

Program for General Audiences (Libraries, Senior Residences, Community Groups, Etc.)

Mr. Lincoln discusses his leadership values and style by sharing “16 precedents from the 16th President”, that is, 16 ways in which he strove to lead our nation and our people in his day, and in particular during his Presidency. These include knowing your principles and sticking to them; changing with the times; recruiting a great team; soliciting and considering a diversity of opinions; communicating effectively; acknowledging mistakes and learning from them; being guided by empathy; and putting the cause before personal ambitions; plus eight more! For each of the 16 precedents, or principles, he provides one or more examples from his own life.

This program is most appropriate for adults and for older youth/teenagers (recommended for 12 years old on up); younger children are still welcome, but may not find the material particularly interesting. It runs 60 minutes and is followed by an additional time of Q&A, photos, and informal interaction. It is also available virtually, whether live via video conferencing (Zoom) or live-streaming (Facebook Live or YouTube Live) or as a pre-recorded video. Unlike many of Mr. Lincoln’s programs, this one is not currently available in Spanish.

Mr. Lincoln is portrayed by Kevin Wood, a professional Lincoln presenter who bears a remarkable resemblance to “the Great Emancipator” and who is extremely knowledgeable about his life and times. Mr. Wood has been portraying Mr. Lincoln since the year 2000, and on a professional basis since 2015. He has made over 1,300 appearances in 31 states plus Washington DC and two foreign countries: Canada and Spain. Mr. Wood also writes a blog – “*Loath to Close... Still!*” – which encourages others to reflect upon and learn from President Lincoln’s life and legacy. For more information, visit www.mrlincoln.com.