

**PROCLAMATION**  
IN CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND LEGACY OF  
HARRIET ROSS TUBMAN DAVIS  
MARCH 10, 2013

**WHEREAS,** On March 10, 1913, American heroine and patriot - Mrs. Harriet Ross Tubman Davis died and was laid to rest with military honors in Fort Hill Cemetery located in the City of Auburn New York - a city she called home for approximately 60 years; AND

**WHEREAS,** Mrs. Tubman Davis is recognized and celebrated around the world as the "Conductor" of the Underground Railroad for courageously rescuing African American people from the cruelty of slavery. Her faith, and passionate belief in liberty drove her to repeat this journey, making close to twenty more trips - guiding hundreds of slaves to freedom; AND

**WHEREAS,** Devoting, her entire life to the principles of liberty, equality and human rights; these were not just ideas to Harriet, but real life struggles that she shared with others of her time. To quote Frederick Douglass the joy for Harriet Ross Tubman Davis came from "*a few trembling, scarred, and foot-sore bondmen and women, whom you have led out of the house of bondage, and whose heartfelt 'God bless you' has been your only reward;*" AND

**WHEREAS,** Harriet Ross Tubman Davis' commitment to human rights was constant throughout her life as she marched alongside Susan B. Anthony and Emily Howland to promote the cause of women's suffrage; AND

**WHEREAS,** U. S. Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand has said, "Harriet Tubman is a remarkable American hero who continues to inspire me today. Her unwavering commitment to helping others while risking her own life in the long fight for equality has left an indelible legacy."

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Michael D. Quill, Mayor of the City of Auburn New York, on behalf of Citizens of Auburn, on the 100th anniversary of Ms. Tubman's death, pay tribute to her extraordinary life and legacy, and do hereby proclaim,

**THE YEAR 2013**  
**HARRIET ROSS TUBMAN DAVIS**  
**YEAR IN THE CITY OF AUBURN, NY**



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this tenth day of March 2013.

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Michael D. Quill, Mayor  
City of Auburn, New York