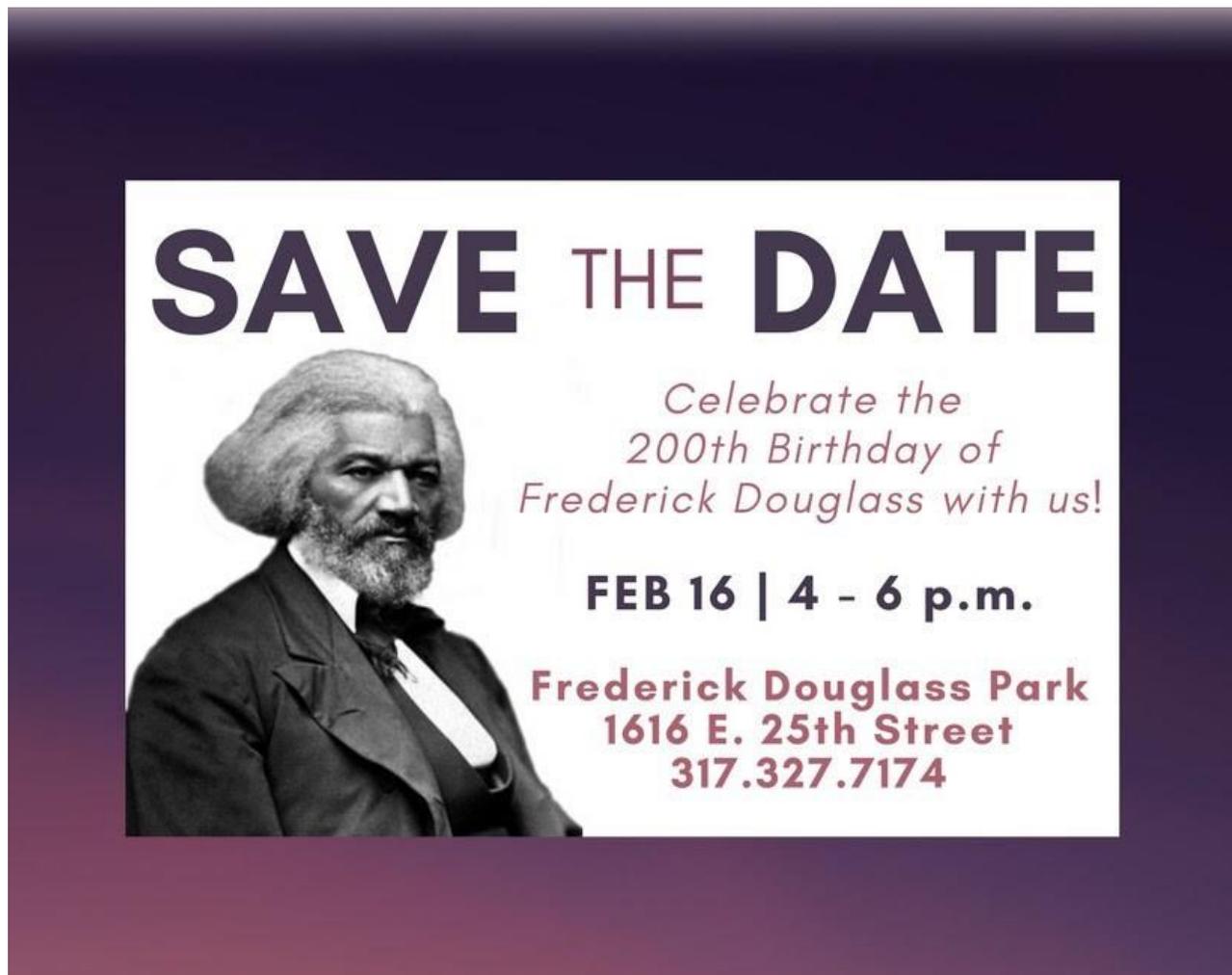


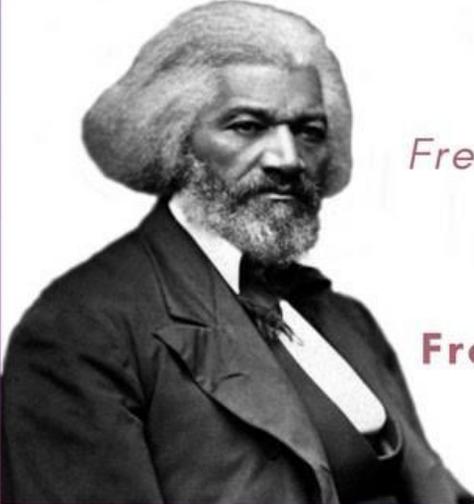
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## Indianapolis Celebrates Frederick Douglass' 200th Birthday

By Shawnta S. Barnes - February 11, 2018



**SAVE THE DATE**



*Celebrate the  
200th Birthday of  
Frederick Douglass with us!*

**FEB 16 | 4 - 6 p.m.**

**Frederick Douglass Park  
1616 E. 25th Street  
317.327.7174**

*Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave* is one of my top ten my favorite books. I have read this novel several times and finished reading this novel again a few days ago. Towards the end of the novel, Douglass shares of the time when he held a Sabbath school at a free man's house over the course of a year to help men and women bound in slavery to

learn how to read. The reason Douglass expressed concerning why he taught others in this school back in 1834 aligns with the reason why I choose to teach in 2018. Douglass states, "I taught them, because it was the delight of my soul to be doing something that looked like bettering the condition of my race."

Although death isn't an obstacle I face as Douglass did as a teacher back then, there are other obstacles minority teachers face that might make them give up and walk away from this profession when students, especially minority students, need them the most. That's why it is important to celebrate and reflect upon those who have paved the path for us during Black History Month.

On February 16 from 4-6 p.m. at Frederick Douglass Park, the city of Indianapolis is celebrating the 200th birthday of Frederick Douglass: abolitionist, orator, and author. Mayor Joe Hogsett, Councillor Zach Adamson, and the Edna Martin Center Youth Choir will be part of the celebration.

If you are available, come out to this celebration to honor and celebrate this great man. If you haven't read *The Narrative Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*, listed below is a link to where you can read it online for free along its follow up novel *My Bondage and My Freedom*.

*The Narrative Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*

*My Bondage and My Freedom*