

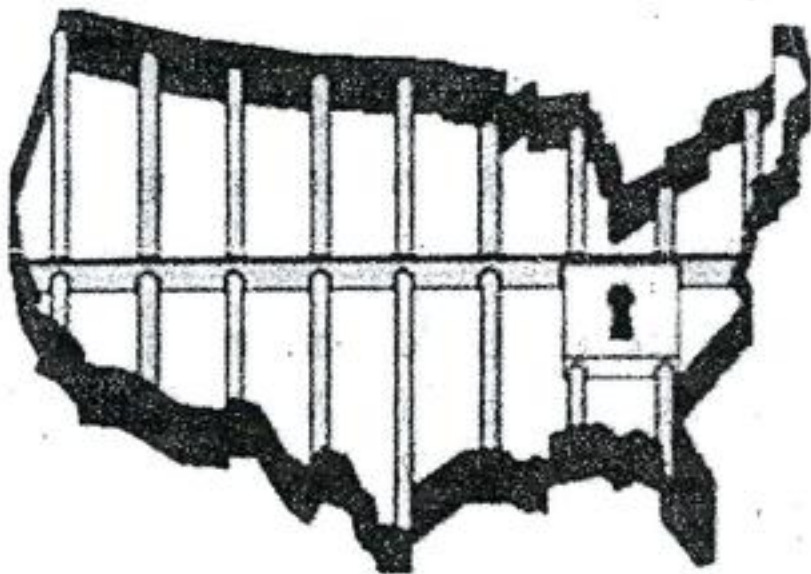
The Emancipation Initiative introduces

## *Walk for Inclusion & Restoration of American Citizenship*

**\*\*Date: October 23, 2016\*\***

**Location: Ramsay Park 1999 Ball St, Boston, MA  
02119**

**Time: 1:00 pm**



### **Event Goal**

To raise awareness, and gain recognition towards issues concerning **universal suffrage**, **criminal justice reform** regarding long term, life, and Life Without Parole (LWOP) prison sentences, solitary confinement, **equal education & opportunity**, and lastly, **prison reform**.

*Come join us in effort to fortify the pillars of community strength, and participation by collectively working towards building a more inclusive democracy for all Massachusetts residents and American citizens*

*\*see back for more information*



Every Nation's Constitution is a covenant between citizen and government, which is in fact a social contract between the people and their elected officials. Unfortunately for many Americans, that contract has been broken. So, who are "We" when we say "We, the People"? Article IV Section (4) of our contract (the United States Constitution) "guarantee[s] to every state in this Union a republic form of government." A republic form of government is a government by its own people through its elected representatives. So, again, who are the "We" within our social contract that begins by stating "We the People"?

My fellow citizen, "you" are the "We" in that great contract called the United States Constitution. It was designed to include you – but just like in 1789, when "We the People" were not included as "All" the people (i.e. enslaved people, poor people, and women), in 2016 we still face many of the same challenges. A great amount of people remain excluded from the gains encompassed with being a part of this contract. If you are unable to vote (prisoners), or disenchanted about voting due to abject living conditions or inadequate opportunity and dissatisfaction concerning our political process – you are excluded as well.

In an attempt to amplify the voices of the excluded (prisoners, the impoverished, LGBTQ, disenchanted) and display that "We Matter", the Emancipation Initiative is hosting a "Walk for Inclusion & Restoration of American Citizenship".

✶ Our route will be from Ramsay Park in Roxbury to the Massachusetts State House. We hope to achieve from this Walk for Inclusion recognition towards issues concerning universal suffrage, criminal justice reform regarding long term, life, and Life Without Parole (LWOP) prison sentences, solitary confinement, equal education & opportunity, and lastly, prison reform. Thank you for your attention and "We" look forward to your participation. Thank You!

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