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TO: Cultural Education Committee

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SUBJECT: Emancipation Proclamation preservation plan

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SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

8 NYCRR 92.1(f) invests the Board of Regents with responsibility for oversight of Lincoln's draft of the Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation. Staff will update the Committee on efforts to ensure the long-term preservation of this document.

Background Information

In May 2013 a panel of four experts from the New York Public Library, National Archives, National Park Service and Yale University conducted an analysis of the current preservation status of Lincoln's Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation. The report provided a number of recommendations including a recommendation to replace the current encapsulation of the document.