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## **Prince Hall Americanism Day**

**To All Within the Reach of This Communication, I send Greetings:**

I am delighted that you have come out today to celebrate with us the memory and legacy of Prince Hall, our founder and inspiration. Before the American Revolution, there was Prince Hall. At the dawn of The United States of America, there was also Prince Hall. In the nineteenth century Prince Hall organized men of African descent into what became the first Grand Lodge of Master Masons of African descent in the United States of America. He was a partner with George Washington in the American Revolution and with the assistance of the brother in law of John Hancock; he was able to secure the Charter, from the Grand Lodge of England establishing the first African American lodge in America. That Charter remains in the procession of the MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to this day.

Clearly, Prince Hall was one of the more prominent leaders of the early national history of the United States of America. His goals of education, economic development, and social justice ring as true today as they were in the beginning of the American way of life. They are part of our heritage and our responsibility.

Take this Day to reflect upon from whence came you; what did you come to do? Are you doing it to the best of your ability? May the Grand Architect of the Universe continue to Bless you and yours as you complete your journey. May God Bless Prince Hall Masonry and may God Bless America....

**Donald R. Ware, Most Worshipful Grand Master**