

Today's First Ladies' Wreath-Laying ceremony is collaboration between the Abigail Adams Historical Society and the United First Parish Church (Unitarian) in Quincy.



### **THE ABIGAIL ADAMS HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Abigail Adams Historical Society is dedicated to commemorating and educating a worldwide audience about the extraordinary life and times of Abigail Smith Adams, Weymouth's national treasure, and her legacy of service to the country, and to preserving and interpreting her Birthplace, the place where her character and ideals were formed, as a resource and inspiration for all.

### **UNITED FIRST PARISH CHURCH (UNITARIAN) IN QUINCY**

First gathered in 1636 as a branch of the Church in Boston. It was established as an independent church in 1639. As were their ancestors before them, both Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams were active members of the congregation. Their tombs rest in the crypt within the church building, alongside those of their wives. Originally founded by Puritans as a Congregationalist Church, the church became Unitarian during the lifetime of John Adams and is today a Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

## **FIRST LADIES' WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY**

for

**ABIGAIL ADAMS**

and

**LOUISA CATHERINE ADAMS**

**United First Parish Church in Quincy**  
*Church of the Presidents*

**Monday, April 15, 2013**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Welcome** H. Kirkland Switzer, II  
Vice President  
United First Parish Church

**Prayer** The Reverend Gary Blume  
The First Church in Weymouth

**Speaker** Caroline Keinath  
Deputy Superintendent  
Adams National Historical Park

**Closing Remarks** Gary E. Haynes  
Director, Visitors Programs  
United First Parish Church

Cathy B. Torrey  
Past President  
Abigail Adams Historical Society

**Benediction** The Reverend Gary Blume  
The First Church in Weymouth

Laying of the Wreaths (Presidential Crypt)  
*Guests please remain seated*

Guests are invited to pay their respects at the Presidents' and First Ladies' tombs immediately following the ceremony.