

Fort Sumter National Monument



Raising the Flag

Act of War or Sign of Freedom

In reaction to South Carolina leaving (seceding from) the Union, US Major Robert Anderson moved to Fort Sumter on December 26, 1860 and raised this flag the following morning. While secessionists viewed it as an act of war, the free African American and enslaved population of Charleston saw it as a sign of hope for future freedom.

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