

# SHOW ME YOUR CREDENTIALS AMENDMENTS HANDOUT

## Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution

*Passed by Congress on June 13, 1866. Ratified on July 9, 1868.*

### *Section 1*

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

### *Section 2*

Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice-President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the Executive and Judicial officers of a State, or the members of the Legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion, or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State.

## Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution

### *Section 1*

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridge by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

### *Section 2*

The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.