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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, American Negroes have made outstanding but little known contributions to the history of the United States, and
- WHEREAS, an appreciation of this heritage and contribution is essential to the development of a sense of worth and pride in any group, and
- WHEREAS, an understanding of the contribution of other groups is essential to the development of better inter-group relations on the part of all American youth and adults, and
- WHEREAS, Negro History Week has been observed in most American communities since 1926 during the period which includes the birthdays of those two great champions of freedom, Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVanter, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of February 9-15, 1969 as

'NEGRO HISTORY WEEK'

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens to help foster a better understanding between people and to encourage a keener appreciation of the heritage of all American citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this thirty-first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine, and of the State, the one hundred eleventh.

*Harold LeVanter*  
GOVERNOR

*Joseph L. Olson*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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*Joseph L. Olson*  
Secretary of State

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