

DECLARATION

- 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 contributions 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 Victory Week has been observed in most American communities since 1926 during the period which includes the birthdays of these two great champions of freedom, Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass,

BEFORE ME, HAROLD WENNER, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim the week of February 2-11, 1970, as

"NEGRO VICTORY WEEK"

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

AS WITNESS MY HAND, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine, and of the State, the one hundred twelfth.

Harold Wenner
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Darraman
SECRETARY OF STATE

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