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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: Black Americans 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: since 1926 a week has been set aside to recognize the importance of Black American history, and
- WHEREAS: this week includes the birthdays of those two great champions of freedom, Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim the week of February 7 - 14, 1971, as

"BLACK 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 twenty-fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one and of the State the one hundred thirteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson
GOVERNOR

Alan J. Ertel
SECRETARY OF STATE

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