



State of Minnesota

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Afro-Americans have enriched the history and culture of our nation and our state; and

WHEREAS: since 1926, a week in February has been set aside to recognize the importance of Afro-American history, and to observe the birthdays of those two great champions of freedom, Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass; and

WHEREAS: this year's theme, "Fulfilling America's Promise," expresses the significance of individual effort;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim February 9 - 15, 1975 to be

AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORY WEEK

in Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that special recognition be given to the successful endeavors of Dr. R. S. Brown, the first black doctor to practice in Minnesota, Mr. F. D. Parker, editor of Minnesota's first black newspaper, Mr. W. T. Francis, lawyer and Minister to Liberia, Mr. C. W. Scrutchin and Mr. Frederick L. McGee, both lawyers, and Mr. J. Frank Wheaton, first black State Legislator.

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-seventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five and of the State, the one hundred and seventeenth.

Wendell R. Anderson

GOVERNOR

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