



# Proclamation

REAS: since 1926, Black History Week has been observed in February during the week which includes the birthdates of two great Americans -- Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln; and

REAS: this year in honor of our Nation's Bicentennial, the observance will have as its theme "America for All Americans" and has been expanded to include the entire month of February; and

REAS: for more than two hundred years, Black Americans have made notable contributions to the history and culture of the United States; and

REAS: in Minnesota, Black Americans have made significant contributions to the arts, industry, education, science, medicine, government and other areas; and

REAS: Black Americans have indeed helped to fulfill America's promise;

THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim month of February 1976 to be

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Minnesota, and encourage all citizens to understand and appreciate the rich mosaic of America's heritage -- a heritage that is made of all of us for all of us.

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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Joan Anderson Howe  
Secretary of State

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 tenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six and of the State the one hundred eighteenth.

*Wendell R. Anderson*

GOVERNOR

*Joan Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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