



# Proclamation

WHEREAS: *the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History was founded in 1915 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson; and*

WHEREAS: *the purpose of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History is to call attention to the contribution of black people to the advancement of America; and*

WHEREAS: *the Association, through this effort, hopes to foster better understanding between people and to encourage a keener appreciation of the heritage of all American citizens;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of February as

## AFRO-AMERICAN (BLACK) HISTORY MONTH

*in Minnesota, and encourage all citizens to observe this month as a time to understand and appreciate the many significant contributions that Afro-Americans have made to our nation.*

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 seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred nineteenth.

*Rudy Perpich*

GOVERNOR

*John Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
FILED  
FEB 10 1977  
*John Anderson Howe*  
Secretary of State