



Proclamation

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

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

WHEREAS: 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

WHEREAS: Black History Month activities are designed to develop an awareness and appreciation of the achievement, struggles, and progress made by Black people in the past and present; to enhance a sense of Black pride and dignity; to creatively express ideas and talents in music, art, drama and discussions; and

WHEREAS: Black History Month is a cooperative effort of churches, schools, groups and institutions throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS: Black Americans have indeed helped to fulfill America's promise, and have hope for the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert H. Quie, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 1979, to be

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in 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.

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 seventy-nine and of the State the one hundred twenty-first

Albert H. Quie

STATE OF MINNESOTA GOVERNOR
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