Proclamation

WHEREAS: For more than two hundred years, Afro - 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: The Association for the Study of Afro-American life and History, Inc. has sponsored this Afro-American history recogniton since 1926; and

WHEREAS: The purpose is to provide knowledge about the contributions, inventions, discoveries and general participation of Afro-Americans in the life of the United States nation; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert H. Quie, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim the month of February, 1980, to be

AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

in Minnesota, and have asked Lieutenant Governor Lou Wangberg to prepare this proclamation for my signature and disseminate the same. I further encourage all citizens to understand and appreciate the richness of our heritage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twenty-eighth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty, and of the State the one hundred twenty-second.

GOVERNOR

STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

LIEUTENANT_GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

Secretary of State

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