



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: In 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard Scholar, established the observance of African American History, with the view to revealing the contributions, achievement, and involvement of African American people in the development of our American Democracy; and

WHEREAS: The history of some of us is the history of all of us, and our history is what shapes us as a state and as a nation; and

WHEREAS: We must acknowledge and pay tribute to the generations of our citizens who struggled with adversity, risked their lives for justice, fought a fight that at times seemed impossible to win, persevered, and continue to fight for equality and the American Dream; and

WHEREAS: We see African Americans engaged throughout our society, as friends and neighbors, scholars, teachers, workers in industry, community leaders, and contributors to our Minnesota quality of life; and

WHEREAS: The month of February gives us a chance to honor the many heroes who are unknown and unnamed but have contributed to the struggle for freedom and justice for all; and

WHEREAS: Black History Month encourages all Minnesotans to come together, reflect on our collective past, and reveal its impact on present conditions; and

WHEREAS: As a state, we can continue to work together to guarantee equal opportunity for all citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2013 as:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



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 18th day of January.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE