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*Joseph L. Anderson*  
Secretary of State

A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 1961 AS "AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH"

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WHEREAS, The ideals of our Republic are embodied in the dedicated lives of singular great Americans who laid the foundation-stone of liberty and preserved it from the erosion of disunity; and

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WHEREAS, Lessons from the lives of the first and the sixteenth Presidents of the United States need to be applied to the current reality which confronts our Country today; and

WHEREAS, All organizations--including public, parochial and private schools--should continue to emphasize the study of American history and to further the appreciation for the work of these dedicated Americans; and

WHEREAS, The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, have sponsored since 1955 the designation of each February as "American History Month" in recognition of the enormous contributions of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln to the framework of liberty,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elmer L. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 1961 as

"AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH"

and I urge each citizen to pay tribute to the lives of these distinguished Americans by doing what they can to encourage an even more widespread devotion to the ideals perpetuated by George Washington and Abraham Lincoln as well as the other great leaders in all the mainstreams of life in our Republic.

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