



# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: we in America are beginning the third century of this Nation and we can seek no greater or more reliable guidance than knowledge of our country's past; and
- WHEREAS: our history, which has amazed men for more than 200 years, is a record of people, often persecuted and denied, who fought for the freedom in which they believed; and
- WHEREAS: the freedoms they won are still beset by dangers and to successfully defend them we need the inspiration of our founding fathers and an appreciation of their sacrifices; and
- WHEREAS: the experience of those who have lived before us is important to the success of every endeavor and purpose we undertake; and
- WHEREAS: we must rely to a great extent on the lessons of history, whether our goal is to instruct or entertain, to increase needed production or facilitate the ways of commerce, to build cities or govern others, to explore uncharted space or establish a family;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim February, 1978 to be

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and urge teachers to promote the study of American History in our schools and to instill in our young people a high regard for the great men and women in our Nation's past.

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-third day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-eight and of the State the one hundred twentieth.

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Jean Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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