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P R O C L A M A T I O N

This February we observe American History Month looking back once more on the great events which built this nation.

It is good that we do this, for an understanding of history is at once our greatest strength and greatest security. It provides us with knowledge for making wise decisions about the future; it is a guide to understanding the importance of protecting and cherishing our basic liberties and freedoms.

History tells us that those liberties are only as secure as our own vigilance in maintaining them and extending them to all. Today, many Americans in the South and in the North are denied the basic liberties guaranteed to all under the Constitution. The struggle of the Negro for his constitutional rights should remind us of the historical roots of all our freedoms. Let us remember the dark days of early man when serfdom, slavery and oppression were the bitter daily bread for most men. Let us remember our own revolution and the wars still being fought in the name of liberty. History will remind us, too, that freedom is a fragile thing, easily lost when tyranny in any guise is not rejected and repulsed.

In recognition of the importance of history, the Legislature has declared that each year the month of February be designated as American History Month in California.

THEREFORE, I, Edmund G. Brown, Governor of California, do hereby proclaim February, 1964, American History Month in our state, and ask all my fellow citizens, our schools, patriotic groups and civic organizations to join in undertaking and participating in such activities as will promote public understanding of our rich heritage and thereby strengthen our democratic way of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed hereto this 5th day of February, 1964.

Edmund G. Brown
Governor of California

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