

Executive Department

State of California

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

We look to the past for guidance for the future.

Both our triumphs and our failures have taught us that it is only through devoted adherence to the principles on which this nation was founded that we may build a better world for people everywhere.

Those principles go far beyond material things. They are, indeed, rooted in the basic belief that men are created equal, that they are free to develop their talents and personalities in a society which will not raise against them any artificial barriers of race, creed or place of origin.

Hundreds of thousands of our citizens have made the supreme sacrifice in defense of these principles. Their dedication inspires all of us, and it is fitting that we honor them by pledging ourselves to the same selfless devotion to our great heritage.

Mindful of the advantages that accrue to our State and Nation from an awareness of this tremendous heritage in the minds of our youth, therefore, I, Edmund G. Brown, Governor of California, do hereby proclaim February, 1959, 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 this 12th day of January, A.D., One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-nine.

Edmund G. Brown
Governor

ATTEST:

Francis M. Jordan
Secretary of State

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In the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

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FRANK M. JORDAN, Secretary of State

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