WHEREAS, American history is an essential component of a complete and well-rounded education; and

WHEREAS, the study of history provides us a deeper understanding of our culture and traditions and connects us with events, people, places, and ideas of our country’s past; and

WHEREAS, understanding our shared history allows us to make better decisions about our future, and to prevent repeating mistakes of the past; and

WHEREAS, it is important for students of all ages to achieve a better understanding of American history, including the stories of freedom, equality, leadership, loss, and achievement that have created the foundation of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the State designates the month of February as American History Month in accordance with Sec. 1 MRS § 113;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the month of February as

American History Month

throughout the State of Maine, and I urge all citizens to recognize this observation in schools and other suitable places with appropriate ceremony and activity.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this thirty first day of January Two Thousand Twenty

Janet T. Mills
Governor