

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

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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

Matthew Dunlap Secretary of State

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