



PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

PROCLAMATION

BLACK HISTORY MONTH February 2026

- WHEREAS Black people and people of African descent have made important contributions to Manitoba throughout its history;
- WHEREAS Black activists and communities have successfully struggled to advance human rights, benefitting all Manitobans;
- WHEREAS the experiences of Black people and people of African descent have added to the rich cultural diversity of Manitobans;
- WHEREAS the contributions and histories of Black people and people of African descent are not well known among many Manitobans;
- WHEREAS February has been celebrated as Black History Month for more than fifty years, inspiring hope and future achievements in Black communities;
- WHEREAS Black History Month gives Manitobans an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the contributions of Black people and people of African descent to Manitoba's economic, social, political and cultural life.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN THAT WE, Tracy Schmidt, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning and Nellie Kennedy, Minister of Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism, do hereby proclaim February 2026, as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in Manitoba and commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our province.

Original signed by

Honourable Tracy Schmidt
Minister
Education and
Early Childhood Learning

Original signed by

Honourable Nellie Kennedy
Minister
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