

# Proclamation

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**FOR:** HOOSIER HISTORY AND HERITAGE MONTH . . .  
APRIL, 1969

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME,  
GREETING:**

**WHEREAS,** the proper exercise of citizenship by Hoosiers depends upon an understanding of the history and government of the state of Indiana and an appreciation of our natural resources; and

**WHEREAS,** from statehood in 1816 to sesquicentennial in 1966, the State of Indiana has witnessed a century and a half of steady growth—in an increasing population, in building a strong educational system, in the development of industry, in providing equal opportunity for all citizens to share in the state's economic bounty and in providing a structure of sound government by our citizens which functions for the good of all; and

**WHEREAS,** during April, the many Hoosiers who have made outstanding contributions to our state's economic, educational, political and religious life—from the pioneer period to the present—should be recognized by the citizens of Indiana; and

**WHEREAS,** the beauty that is Indiana now is ours to preserve and protect for future generations of Hoosiers to enjoy and the month of April will be a time when citizens of our state will be urged to foster preservation and protection of our valuable natural resources; and

**WHEREAS,** it is appropriate to designate the month of April as one dedicated to our state and its history since it was in April, 1816, that the Congress and President James Madison approved the admission of Indiana to the Union:

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Edgar D. Whitcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana do hereby proclaim the month of April, 1969, as

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and urge that during this period, schools, libraries, historical societies, museums, theaters, art associations, musical groups, service clubs and other organizations make a special effort to present educational programs and pageants on this subject. I further urge that Hoosiers engage in special projects to safeguard the natural beauty of our State.

[SEAL]

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET  
MY HAND AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE GREAT SEAL  
OF THE STATE OF INDIANA, AT THE CAPITOL, IN THE CITY  
OF INDIANAPOLIS, THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY  
1969.

[Signed] Edgar D. Whitcomb  
GOVERNOR OF INDIANA

BY THE GOVERNOR

[Signed] William N. Salin  
SECRETARY OF STATE