

Proclamation

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

- WHEREAS,** an understanding and appreciation of Indiana's history and heritage are essential in order that Hoosiers may perform their responsibilities as voters and citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** the Indiana General Assembly in 1967 adopted a resolution asking "That the month of April annually be declared Hoosier History and Heritage Month by formal proclamation of the Governor"; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important that students become aware of the democratic achievements which have characterized state government since territorial days; and
- WHEREAS,** from pioneer days to the present Indiana citizens have made many and significant contributions to the cultural, scientific, economic, political, and religious life of the state and nation; and
- WHEREAS,** April is a particularly appropriate time of the year to visit Indiana's scenic and historic places, its parks and natural areas, and to sponsor programs and observances which encourage Hoosiers better to safeguard and preserve the reminders of our rich legacy from pioneer times to the present;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edgar D. Whitcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 1972 as **HOOSIER HISTORY AND HERITAGE MONTH** in Indiana, and urge that during the month of April, schools, museums, historical societies, libraries, women's clubs, civic groups, and other organizations make a special effort to feature lectures, exhibits, pageants, tours, and other educational programs which interpret Indiana's history and heritage. I further urge that Hoosiers augment their efforts to protect the natural beauty of our State, to conserve our varied natural resources and to reduce the pollution of our environment.

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 20TH DAY OF JANUARY 1972.

[SEAL]

BY THE GOVERNOR

[Signed] Larry A. Conrad
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Signed] Edgar D. Whitcomb
GOVERNOR OF INDIANA