

# Proclamation

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

- WHEREAS,** the effective and wise exercise of citizenship requires an understanding of Indiana's history and heritage from the past; and
- WHEREAS,** in the month of April in 1816, Congress approved an Enabling Act authorizing Indiana to prepare for statehood in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** plans are now being made for the Bicentennial Observance of the American Revolution, in which Indiana and the middle west played an important role; and
- WHEREAS,** Hoosiers are showing increasing interest in the preservation of their historic sites and structures dating from the colonial era to the present; and
- WHEREAS,** from time to time, citizens should review and evaluate anew the abundant heritage of liberty and freedom which they have inherited from preceding generations;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Otis R. Bowen, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 1973, as

## **HOOSIER HISTORY AND HERITAGE MONTH**

and recommend that, especially during this month, schools, museums, libraries, clubs, patriotic organizations, historical societies and similar groups sponsor lectures, films, exhibits, tours and other observances which will give Hoosiers increased information and enhanced appreciation of their history and heritage, as well as the opportunities and obligations which flow therefrom.

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 6th day of February 1973.

[SEAL]

BY THE GOVERNOR

[Signed] Larry A. Conrad  
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Signed] Otis R. Bowen, M.D.  
GOVERNOR OF INDIANA