



PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

# PROCLAMATION

## Black History Month

- WHEREAS** Black people and people of African descent have made important contributions to Manitoba's civic, social, artistic and economic life for generations; and
- WHEREAS** Manitoba's Black communities are diverse, representing more than 46,000 people who call this province home; and
- WHEREAS** Manitoba is enriched when our many diverse communities share languages, forms of cultural expression, customs and religious traditions; and
- WHEREAS** for decades, the Black community in Manitoba has organized annual activities to celebrate and share the expressions, experiences and examples of Black Manitoban excellence and our province; and
- WHEREAS** Black history is a core component of Manitoba's culture and heritage; and
- WHEREAS** the Government of Manitoba encourages all Manitobans to respect and recognize the cultural and historical celebrations of the many groups who call this province home; and
- WHEREAS** in December 2022, the Manitoba Government passed the Black History Month Act, which proclaims each February as Black History Month in Manitoba;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN THAT WE**, Glen Simard, Minister of Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism, and Nello Altomare, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, do hereby proclaim February 2024 as

### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

in Manitoba, and we encourage all residents to join in this heritage celebration and enhance their understanding of the unique and diverse traditions and people that have contributed to shaping our dynamic province.

**Honourable Glen Simard**  
Minister of Sport, Culture, Heritage  
and Tourism

**Honourable Nello Altomare**  
Minister of Education and Early  
Childhood Learning