## BLACK HISTORY MONTH in CANADA

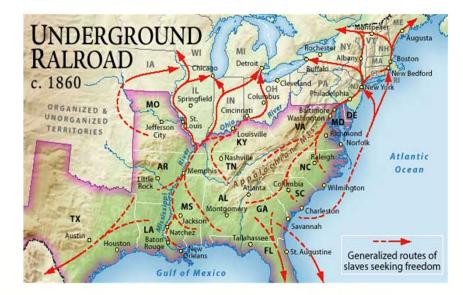


 February 1976 – 1<sup>st</sup> Official Recognition of BHM in U.S.



 1995 - the House of Commons officially recognized February as BHM in Canada

## Underground Railroad





## System of Discrimination, Racism and Jim Crow

- Ontario's Racial Discrimination Act (1944)
  - Prohibited the publication and display of any symbol, sign or notice that expressed ethnic, racial or religious discrimination
- Fair Employment Practices Act (1951)
- Fair Accommodation Practices Act (1954)
- Reform of the "White Canada" immigration policy (1962)
  - Eliminated racial discrimination in Canada's immigration policy – points-based system based on set of criteria





January 21 is Lincoln Alexander Day

Second World War Veteran (Royal Canadian Air Force) • Member of the Queen's Privy Council First black Member of Parliament • Federal Minister of Labour First visible minority appointed as Lieutenant Governor of Ontario • Chancellor of the University of Guelph • Companion of the Order of Canada • Chair of the Canadian Race Relations Foundation • Member of the Order of Ontario

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