

City of Saint Paul

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota has provided continuous service to the Hmong and broader communities since its inception on August 11, 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota estimates it has served at least 2,000 Hmong refugees in navigating the naturalization process and obtaining U.S. Citizenship since 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota estimates it has trained more than 500 youth to play the Qeej instrument in Hmong funeral ceremonies and a similar number of community members in the oral recitation of traditional Hmong funeral and wedding songs since 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota has shared its Building Bridges: Teaching about the Hmong in Our Communities curriculum with an estimated 5,000 persons since 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota has provided the community with the Hmong Resource Center Library since 1999, with a unique collection of Hmong-related texts, which has grown into likely the largest centralized collection of Hmong-related scholarly research in the United States; and

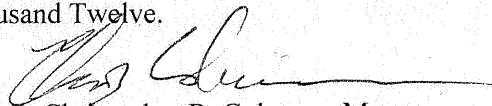
WHEREAS, the Hmong Cultural Center is promoting multicultural education in our community with new initiatives including the Learnabouthmong.net website and the Hmongembroidery.org virtual Hmong textiles museum as well as Hmong webinars, serving more than 29,000 Hmong Americans who reside in the City of Saint Paul,

Now, Therefore, I, Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 12, 2012, to be:

Hmong Cultural Center's 20th Anniversary of Service to the City of Saint Paul Community Day

in the City of Saint Paul

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Paul to be affixed this Twelfth Day of December in the Year Two Thousand Twelve.



Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor

