

**RESOLUTION
CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA**

Presented by _____

1 WHEREAS, August 9 will mark the anniversary of the incident in Ferguson, Missouri, that made
2 headlines around the world. While reflecting over that day and other controversial incidents in policing
3 over the past year, the City of Saint Paul, Police Department has recognized policing has been thrust into
4 the spotlight in a way that has caused a re-examination of nearly every aspect of policing; and
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6 WHEREAS, according to the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), we are beginning to see upticks
7 in violent crime in many cities, following many years of historical lows in crime. The legitimacy of the
8 police comes from the communities we serve, yet at the very moment when we must increase our focus
9 on crime, public confident in police tactics is being questions, fraying police-community relationships;
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12 WHEREAS, PERF is convening a meeting of chiefs and one member from their community for a day
13 long discussion of strategies for building trust between police and community members; the goal of
14 which is to seek their guidance for a rebuilding trust between the police and community members; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Saint Paul, Police Department has been asked to participate, sending its chief and one
17 community member to Washington, DC in July with an estimated cost of \$1,100, the public purpose of
18 which is to support the City and Department's efforts to make the community safe; and
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20 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the attendance and expenditure
21 which Chief Smith believes to be a significant event that will provide direction to the City of Saint Paul
22 and its Police Department on a national level.

Requested by Department of: **POLICE**

By: **Thomas E. Smith, Chief of Police**


