

**RESOLUTION
CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA**

Presented by _____

1 WHEREAS, Cities United is a national partnership to eliminate violence-related deaths of African
2 American males based on a very simple but fundamental premise that African American men and boys
3 matter and are assets to our nation; and
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5 WHEREAS, Cities United is a national movement to equip mayors and local leaders with tools, practices,
6 skills and resources needed to effectively eliminate the violence-related deaths of African American men
7 and boys; and
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9 WHEREAS, the 2016 Cities United Convening conference is scheduled from May 2-6, 2016 and the Saint
10 Paul, Police Department will be attending along with Joel Franklin the Community Ambassadors Project
11 Manager with an estimating travel expense for both trips to be \$3,000; and
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13 WHEREAS, the public purpose is to support the City's efforts to pilot the youth in the community in the
14 right direction; and
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16 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the attendance and expenditure to this
17 conference which the Mayor and Chief Thomas Smith believe to be of value and importance.

Requested by: **Police Department**

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