

## City of Saint Paul

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## **Legislation Text**

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Recognizing Black History Month 2012.

WHEREAS, Black History month, as we know it today, started its month-long observance in 1976 to celebrate the African American people and to highlight the role African Americans have played in the development of medicine, politics, government, community leadership, science, business, religion, education, literature, theater, music, arts, sports and many other areas of our civic and national culture; and,

WHEREAS, during this month, we recognize the courage and tenacity of many hard working Americans whose legacies are woven into the history and fabric of our city and our nation and honor the extraordinary achievements of African Americans and their essential role in shaping our community; and,

WHEREAS, during this year's observance of Black History Month, the City of Saint Paul will recognize those who have set new horizons and served as visionaries for our community through such varied endeavors as preserving cultural history, recording sporting achievements, creating a spirit of empowerment, and showcasing the community through photography, written word, and film; and,

WHEREAS, by sharing the stories of these visionaries, we better understand the contributions of other extraordinary men and women, who have given their collective efforts, energy, and spirit to creating new horizons so all can discover them and take them further on;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council recognizes February, 2012 as Black History Month, There's Another Horizon Out There; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council encourages all residents to join in recognizing the contributions and achievements of the extraordinary individuals whose new horizons will encourage future generations in Saint Paul.