



## Legislation Text

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Recognizing Black History Month 2013.

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 and Ramsey County will recognize those who have shared "A Mighty Walk" for emancipation and civil rights and continue to take on the challenges of today; and,

WHEREAS, by sharing the stories of these community leaders, 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, 2013 as Black History Month, "A Mighty Walk: Emancipation, Civil Rights, & Current Challenges;" 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 work toward emancipation and civil rights will encourage future generations in Saint Paul.