



## Legislation Text

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Recognizing African American History Month 2014.

WHEREAS, African American 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 African American History Month, the City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County will pay tribute to Saint Paul's Rondo neighborhood, with events featuring speakers who witnessed Rondo's history, and are committed to preserving Rondo's present and future; 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 2014 as African American History Month, with the theme "Rondo: An Enduring Legacy, Celebrating the Past; Embracing the Future;" 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.