



Legislation Text

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Declaring Tuesday, May 22, 2018 as VocalEssence Cantare! Day in the City of Saint Paul.

WHEREAS, VocalEssence ¡Cantaré! is celebrating its 10th anniversary, and

WHEREAS, a 10th Anniversary concert is to be held on May 22 at the Ordway Center for Performing Arts, and

WHEREAS, VocalEssence ¡Cantaré! is a unique program designed to bring the talents of composers from Mexico directly into Minnesota classrooms, and

WHEREAS, through the program, selected composers from Mexico participate as artists-in-residence with elementary schools, high schools, colleges, and community organizations, and

WHEREAS, composers work directly with student choirs and community choruses throughout the year, becoming familiar with the ensembles and writing new music specifically for each, and

WHEREAS, at the end of the school year, community and school partners present world premieres of new music in concert and

WHEREAS through the years, students from Adams Spanish Immersion, Battle Creek Elementary, Como Park Senior High, Highland Park Senior High, Humboldt Senior High, Mississippi Creative Arts Magnet St. Anthony Park Elementary, St. Paul Central High, Academia Cesar Chavez, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and the University of St. Thomas have participated in the program

WHEREAS in 2018, VocalEssence has over 500 young people in the Twin Cities working directly with composers, and

WHEREAS throughout the course of the 10 years of the program, VocalEssence ¡Cantaré! has served as a model of cultural diplomacy directly impacting over 4500 young people,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Saint Paul City Council declares Tuesday, May 22, 2018 to be VocalEssence ¡Cantaré! Day in the city and congratulates the program on its 10th Anniversary.