

City of Saint Paul

# Proclamation

*Whereas, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations on December 10, 1948, and is the first agreement among countries around the world identifying the rights and freedoms that belong to every one of us as human beings; and*

*Whereas, the City of Saint Paul has implemented policies and programs and issued resolutions that uphold, protect and defend the human rights of City residents, including minimum wage, earned sick and safe time, banning conversion therapy, declaring racism a public health crisis, implementing a language access plan, and the City Attorney's Office's Ethos program and Immigrant and Refugee program; and*

*Whereas, the City of Saint Paul recognizes that there remain instances where universal rights of our fellow residents have been denied, resulting in discrimination and disparate treatment, and harm up to and including death, and that these instances thwart the goals enshrined in the Universal Declaration; and*

*Whereas, the failure of our country to promote and defend the rights enshrined in the Declaration has resulted in unnecessary suffering, including discrimination, deportation and death; and*

*Whereas, in the year 2020, we also recognize the failure to uphold human rights that resulted in the killing of George Floyd, an act which mobilized people around the world to declare that Black Lives Matter; and*

*Whereas, there is much work to be done in the context of law enforcement, universal provision of health care, access to quality education and housing and other rights; and*

*Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic provides us with a unique opportunity and compels us to make progress in these and other areas addressed by the declaration; and*

*Whereas, the City of Saint Paul is committed to the development and implementation of programs and policies that ensure Human Rights for all, and a copy of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights is posted on the City's website at: [www.stpaul.gov/hreeo](http://www.stpaul.gov/hreeo) so that Saint Paul residents may review and reflect on those rights; and,*

*Whereas, on December 10th of each year the world celebrates "Human Rights Day".*

*Now, Therefore, I, Melvin Carter, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby proclaim Thursday, December 10, 2020, to be:*

## **Human Rights Day**

*in the City of Saint Paul.*

*In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Paul to be affixed this Tenth Day of December in the Year Two Thousand Twenty.*



Melvin Carter, Mayor

