

City of Saint Paul

# Proclamation

*Whereas, On May 24, 1991 Eritrea obtained its independence from Ethiopia and two years later, on May 28, 1993 was admitted to the United Nations; and*

*Whereas, More than 20 years later, pride in the Eritrean culture resonates across generations, inspiring even children of Eritrean heritage who have never set foot in Eritrea to share their culture through dance, poetry, and art with their communities in the US; and*

*Whereas, Saint Paul is home to nearly 5,000 Eritrean Americans who are involved socially, politically, culturally and economically in the City of Saint Paul and aid in its general wellbeing; and*

*Whereas, The Eritrean community continues to celebrate and share their rich culture and history with Saint Paul; and*

*Whereas, Eritrea's independence was a victory of justice and equality that resulted from a long struggle of the Eritrean people that we should remember and commemorate,*

*Now, Therefore, I, Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013, to be:*

## **Eritrean Independence Day**

*in the City of Saint Paul, and urge all Saint Paul patrons to recognize the great accomplishments and contributions these men and woman have made.*

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

*Christopher B. Coleman*

Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor

