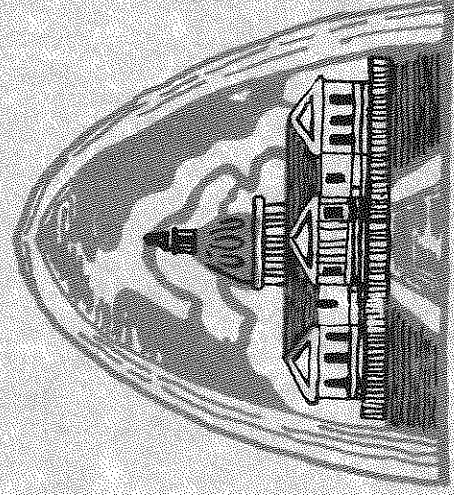


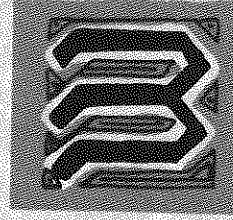
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Proclamation



WHEREAS

Eritrea's Liberation War (1 September 1961 to 24 May 1991) was a struggle for the self determination and human rights of the Eritrean People; and

WHEREAS, the war went for 30 years until 1991 when the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) defeated Ethiopia, and

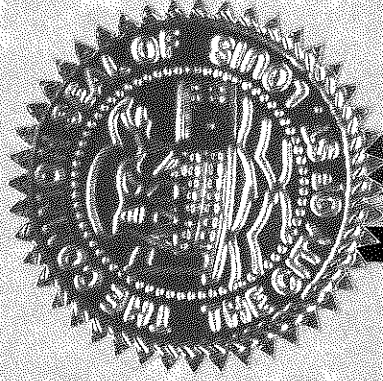
WHEREAS, this anniversary comes as the nation celebrates the 25th anniversary of the decisive historical battle for Afabet in 1988, which paved the way for the eventual total liberation of Eritrea in 1991; and

WHEREAS, there are hundreds of Eritreans and Americans of Eritrean origin who call St. Louis their home; and

WHEREAS, as part of the week-long celebrations, Eritreans around the world will be celebrating Eritrea's 22nd Independence Anniversary.

Now, therefore, I, Francis G. Slay, Mayor of the City of St. Louis, do hereby proclaim May 24, 2013, as

Attest



**"ERITREAN INDEPENDENCE DAY"
IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS**

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of St. Louis this 24th day of May, A.D. 2013.

Mayor of the City of Saint Louis