

City of Saint Paul

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on Thursday, May 9, 2013, by a bipartisan vote of 75 to 59, the Minnesota House of Representatives passed the Marriage Equality Act, allowing all couples in Minnesota the freedom to marry; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Senate is scheduled to vote on the Marriage Equality Act on Monday, May 13, 2013, and Governor Mark Dayton has expressed his desire to sign marriage equality into law; and

WHEREAS, Saint Paul is proud to be a state capital that has a long history of fighting for civil and human rights for all people regardless of race, sex, gender, age or religion and we share in this responsibility to move society forward; and

WHEREAS, Saint Paul will temporarily rename the Wabasha Street Bridge as "Freedom to Marry Bridge," and recognize the week of May 13 to May 17 as "Freedom to Marry Week;" and

WHEREAS, we should not legislate against the freedom of caring, mature adults to marry the person he or she loves,

Now, Therefore, I, Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby proclaim Wabasha Bridge as Freedom to Marry Bridge and recognize the Week of May 13 to May 17, 2013 as:

Freedom to Marry Week

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 Thirteenth Day of May in the Year Two Thousand Thirteen.

Christopher B. Coleman

Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor