

City of Saint Paul

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the citizens of Saint Paul recognize that our success depends on helping every child succeed in school and reach their full potential, and realize that young people need a solid foundation of support that will help them become well-educated, confident, and productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, mentoring is a proven, effective strategy that helps children and young adults by matching them with a caring, responsible adult who can provide guidance and direction, and build their confidence; and

WHEREAS, research shows that youth involved in mentoring are 52 percent less likely to skip school, 46 percent less likely to start using drugs, and 27 percent less likely to start drinking; and

WHEREAS, mentors build character, encourage success, boost confidence, lift expectations, and expand the universe of a child, serving as friends, role models, teachers, and sources of stability and support during a critical time in a child's life; and

WHEREAS, mentoring strengthens Saint Paul's economic and social well-being by helping young people fulfill their potential while helping maintain healthy families and promoting more vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of Saint Paul's children are in need of a caring adult mentor in their lives, and closing this mentoring gap will take more investment, partnerships, and volunteers ready to make a difference in a child's life; and

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month is an opportunity to raise public awareness of the importance of mentoring, recognize dedicated individuals who serve mentors, and encourage more citizens to help build a brighter future for Saint Paul's youth through mentoring;

Now, Therefore, I, Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2012, to be:
National Mentoring Month

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 First Day of January in the Year Two Thousand Twelve.

Christopher B. Coleman

Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor

